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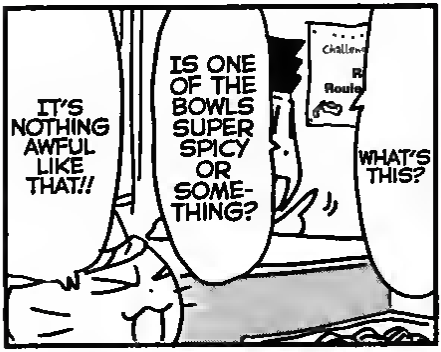
Chapter 18

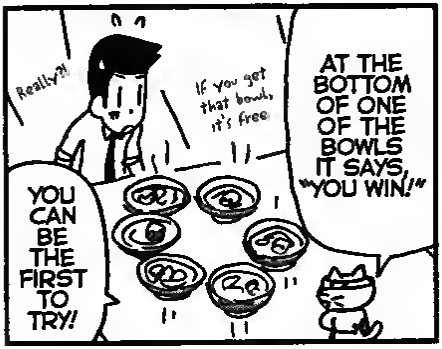
The New 4th Ramen Flavor
"Misho" Ramen
$8
NO... CAN'T SAY THAT I DO...
SO, HOW 'BOUT IT?! CARE TO TRY SOMETHING COMPLETELY NEW?!
SEE! IT ISN'T MISO, SHOYU, OR SHIO, RIGHT?!
Slurrrp
Slurrrp
.....
OKAY! MAYBE I'LL TRADE-MARK IT! THEN NO ONE CAN COPY IT!
IT'S ALSO NOT DELI-CIOUS ...

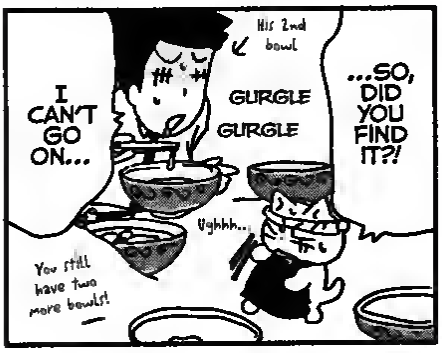
flip pages to see a small animation!

From Taisho to Mother

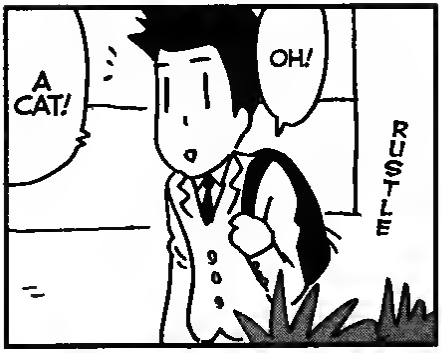
Russian Roulette

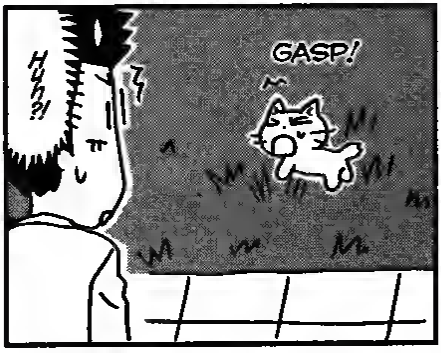


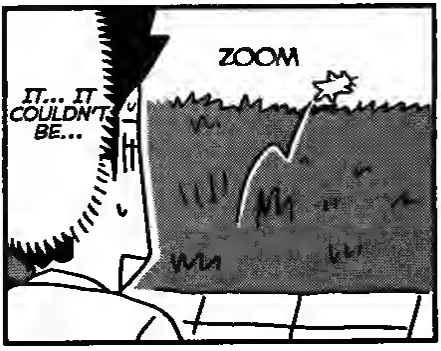


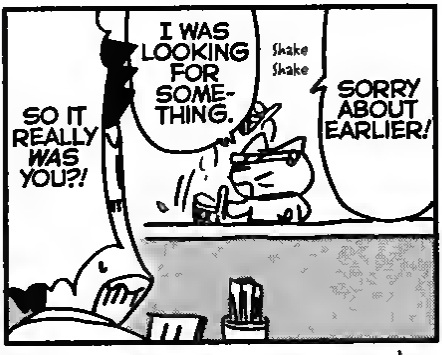


Looking for Something









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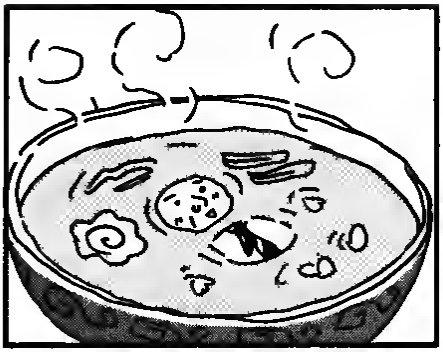

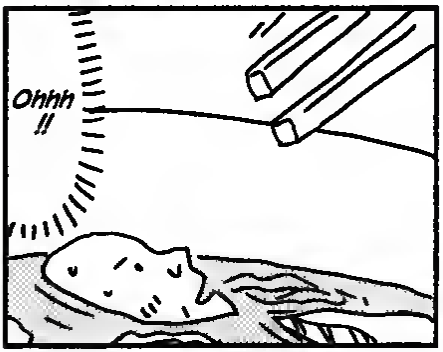

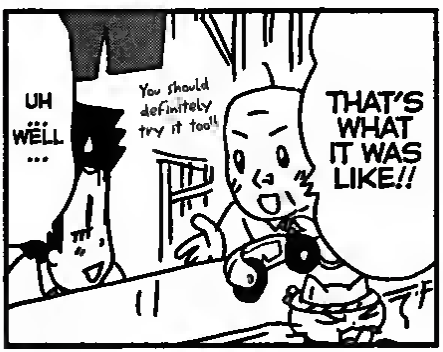

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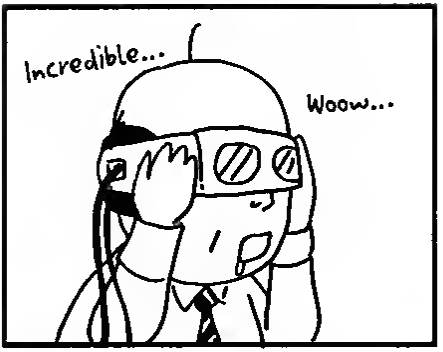

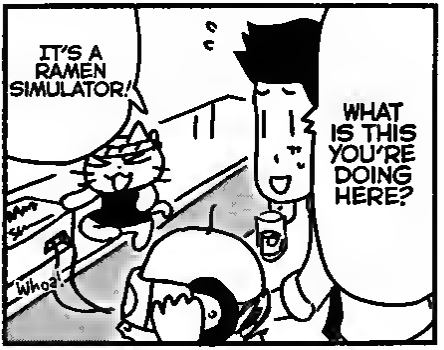

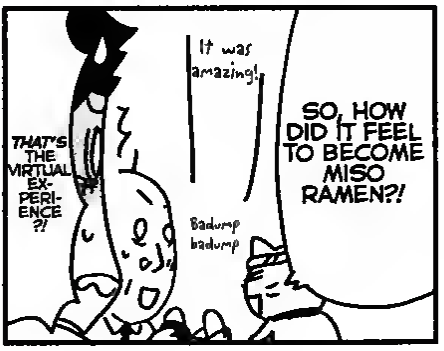

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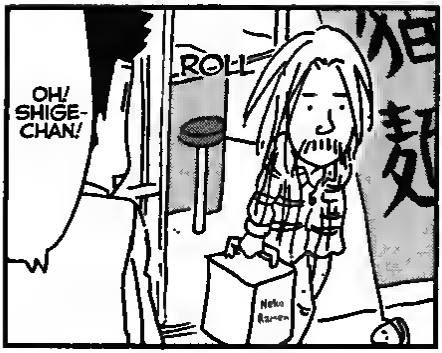

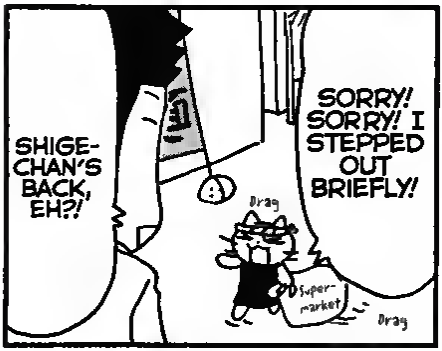

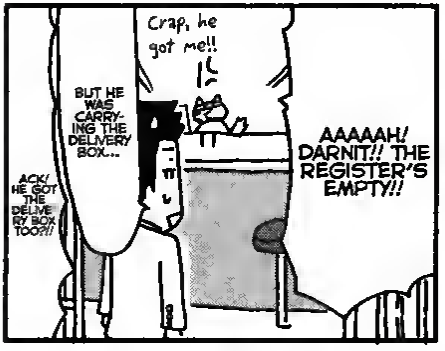

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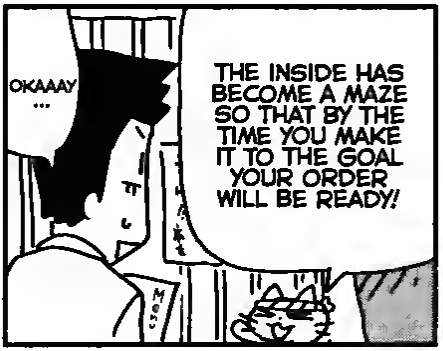

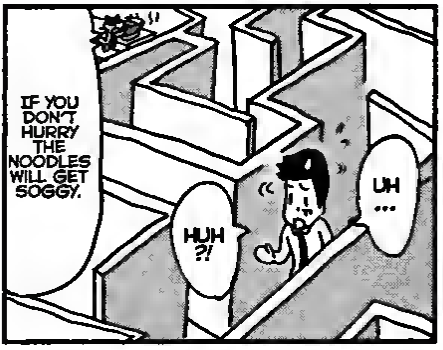

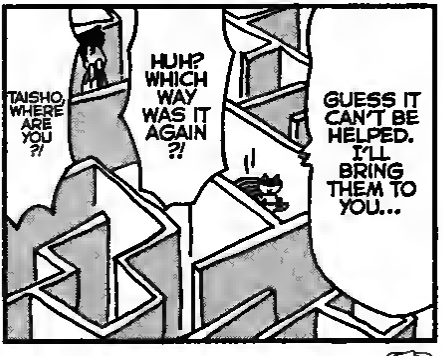

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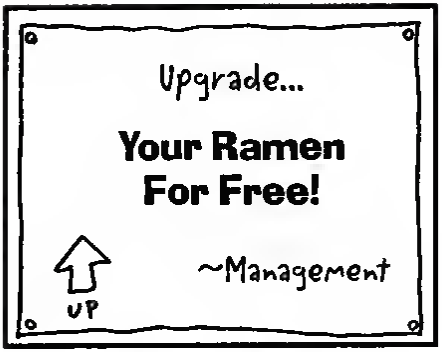
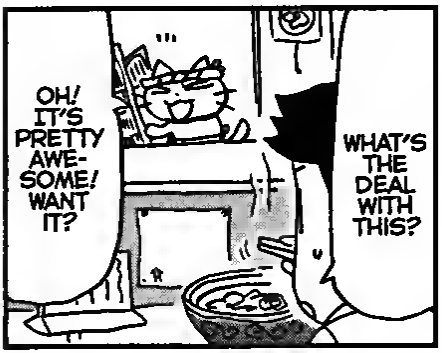
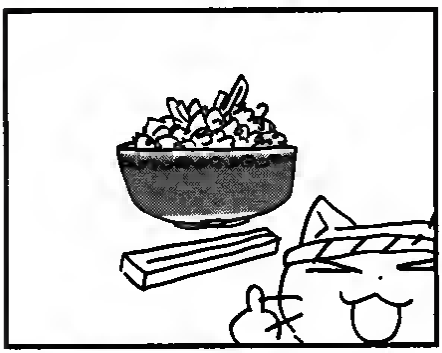
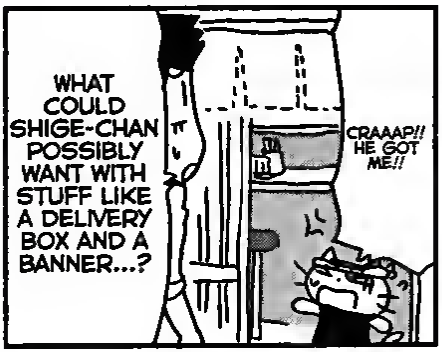
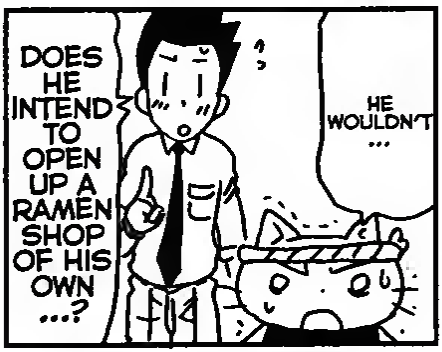


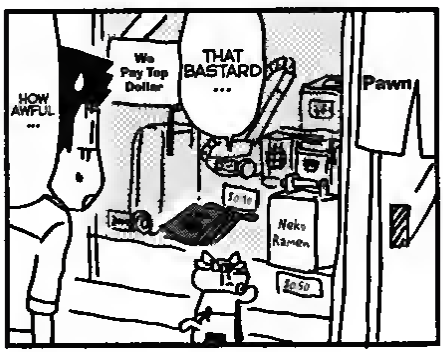




He Wouldn't!







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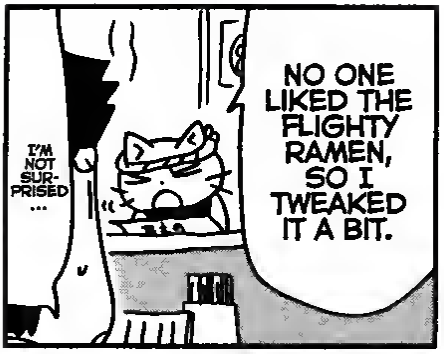
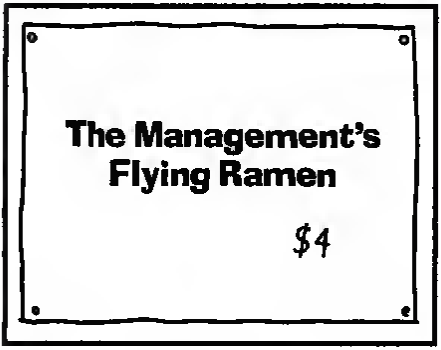
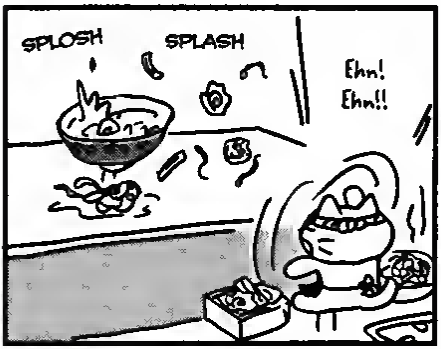
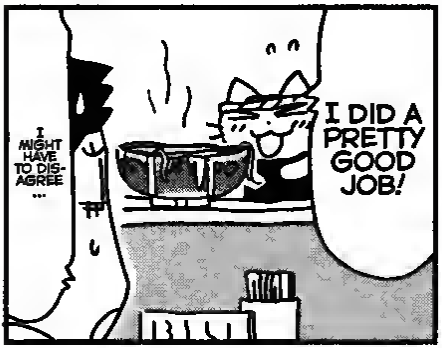
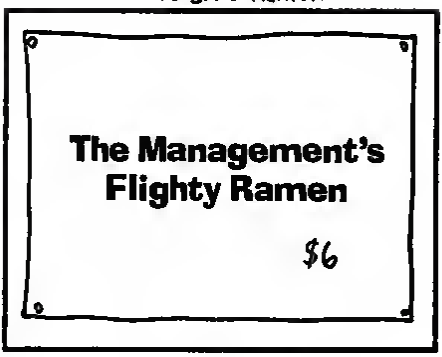


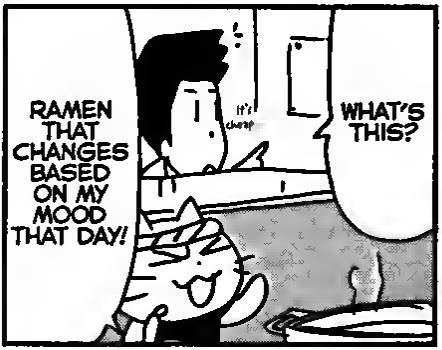


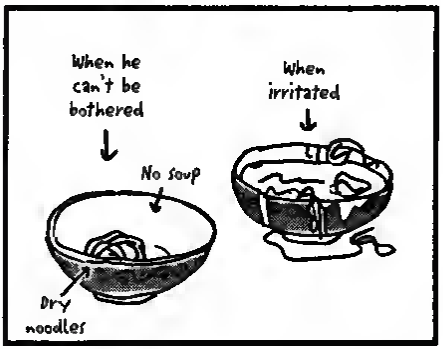


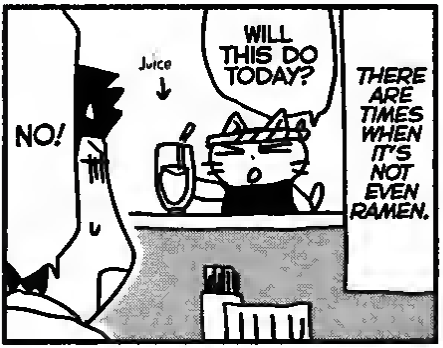


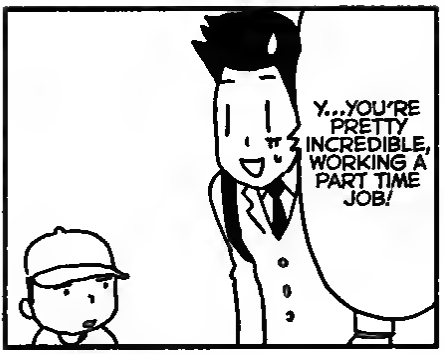
Flighty Ramen







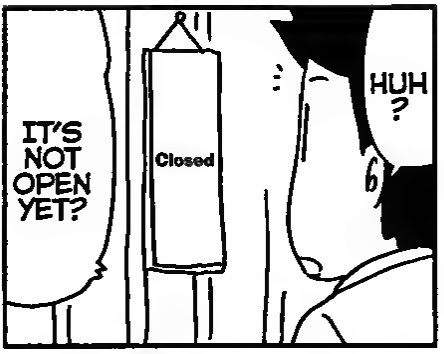


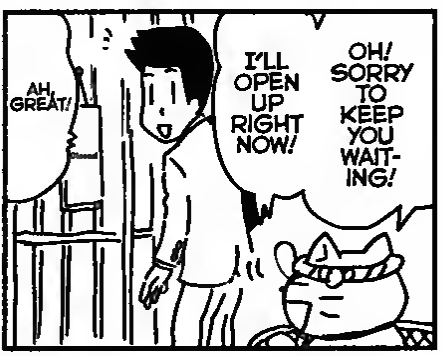

Y...YOU'RE PRETTY INCREDIBLE, WORKING A PART TIME JOB!

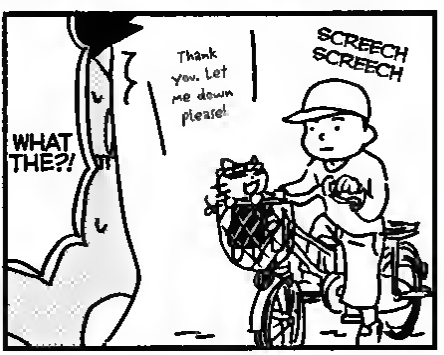
HUH?!
MY MOM SAYS WE CAN'T HAVE A CAT IN THE APARTMENT, SO I'M CARING FOR ONE SECRETLY...

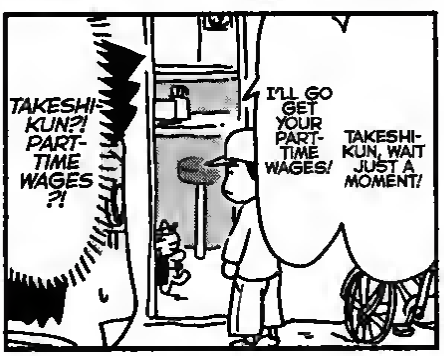
SEE YOU TOMORROW MORNING!
HERE YOU GO. THANKS FOR THE HELP!

SEE YA!
BYE-BYE KITTY-CAT!!

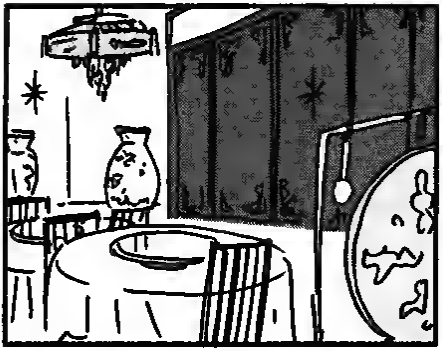

IT'S NOT OPEN YET?
Closed
HUH?

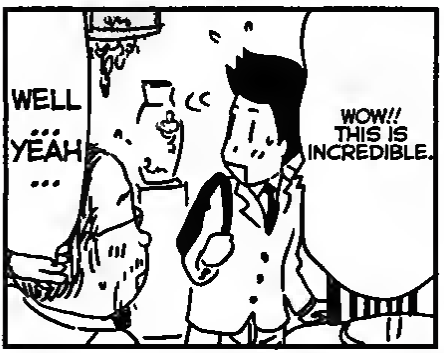

AH, GREAT!
I'LL OPEN UP RIGHT NOW!
OH! SORRY TO KEEP YOU WAITING!

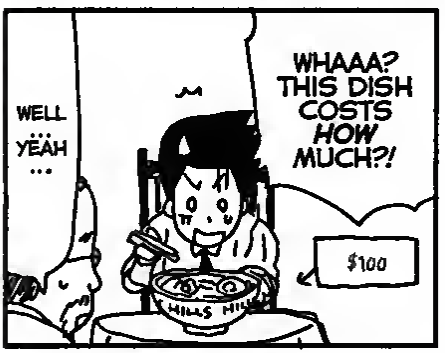

WHAT THE?!
Thank you. Let me down please!
SCREECH SCREECH

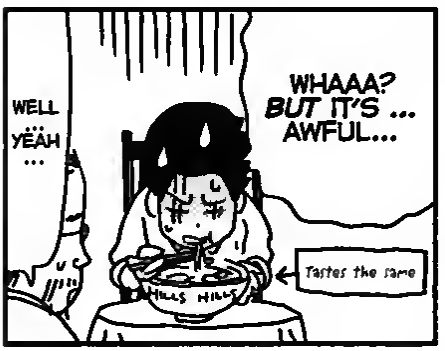

TAKESHI-KUN?! PART-TIME WAGES?!
I'LL GO GET YOUR PART-TIME WAGES!
TAKESHI-KUN, WAIT JUST A MOMENT!

THat Expensive



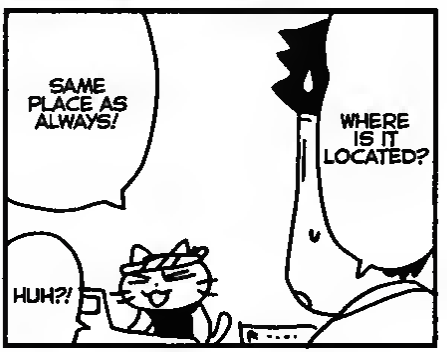


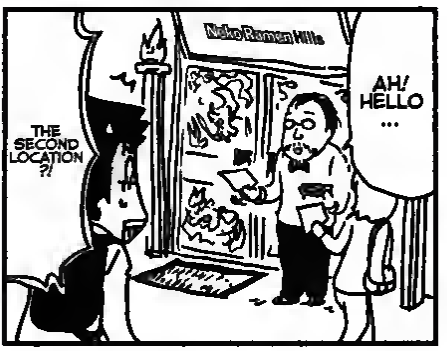




THE HILLS

YEAH! A SUPER HIGH-CLASS RESTAURANT MARKETED FOR THE RICH!
Ching Clunk
Please take one
YOU'VE STARTED ONE OF THOSE GOURMET SHOPS?





Short Comic Special
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The Highway
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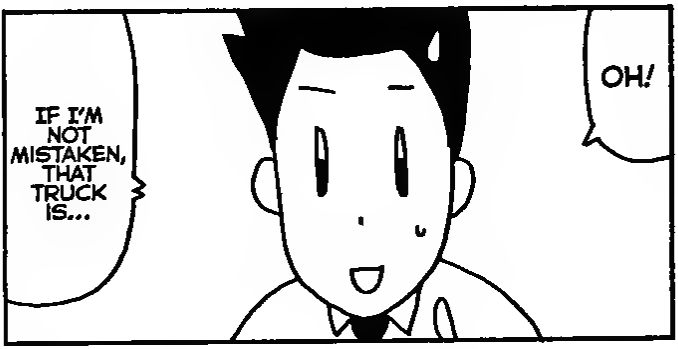
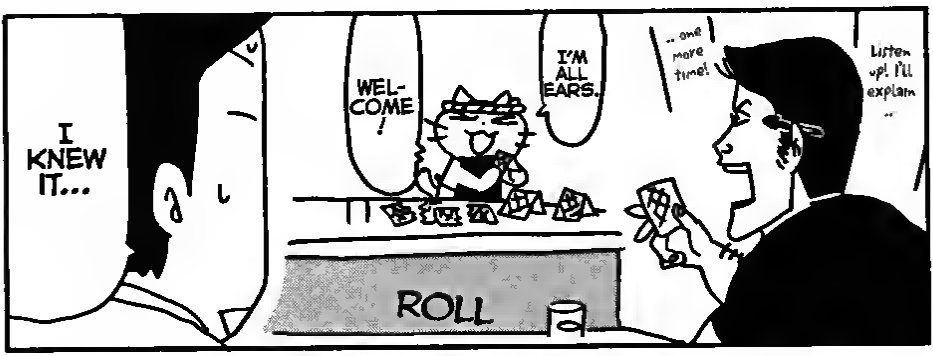
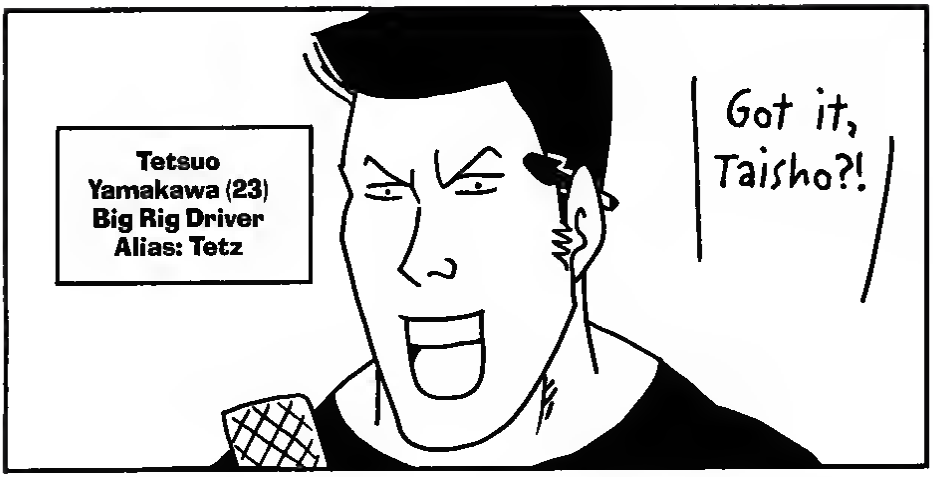
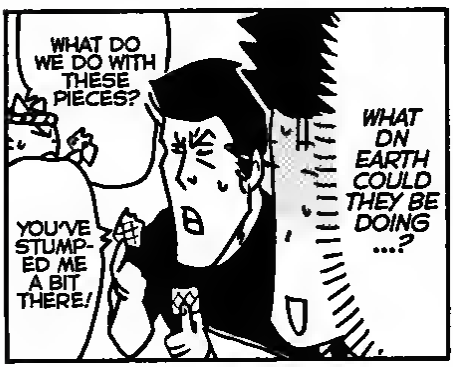
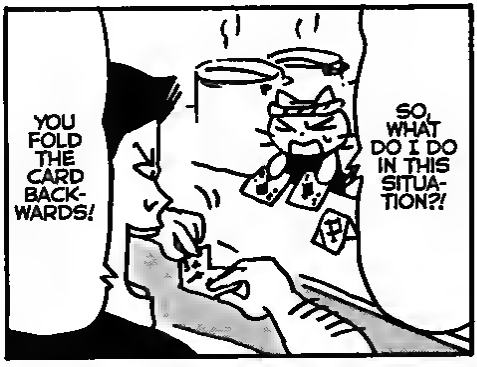
Peek


IF I'M NOT MISTAKEN, THAT TRUCK IS...
OH!


I KNEW IT...
WEL-COME!
I'M ALL EARS.
... one more time!
Listen up! I'll explain ...
ROLL

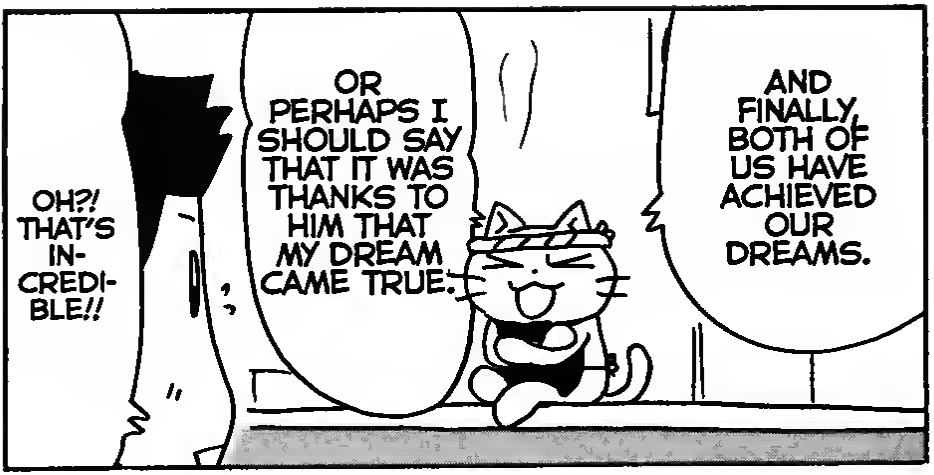

Tetsuo
Yamakawa (23)
Big Rig Driver
Alias: Tetz
Got it, Taisho?!

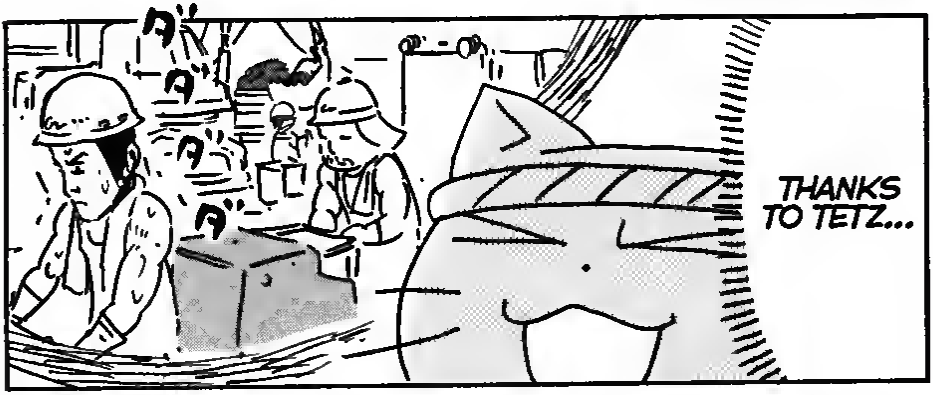

WHAT DO WE DO WITH THESE PIECES?
YOU'VE STUMPED ME A BIT THERE!
WHAT DN EARTH COULD THEY BE DOING ...?


YOU FOLD THE CARD BACKWARDS!
SO, WHAT DO I DO IN THIS SITUATION?!

WHO'S HE GONNA ASK ...?
See ya!
WILL DO!
ASK ABOUT IT BEFORE YOU COME NEXT TIME!

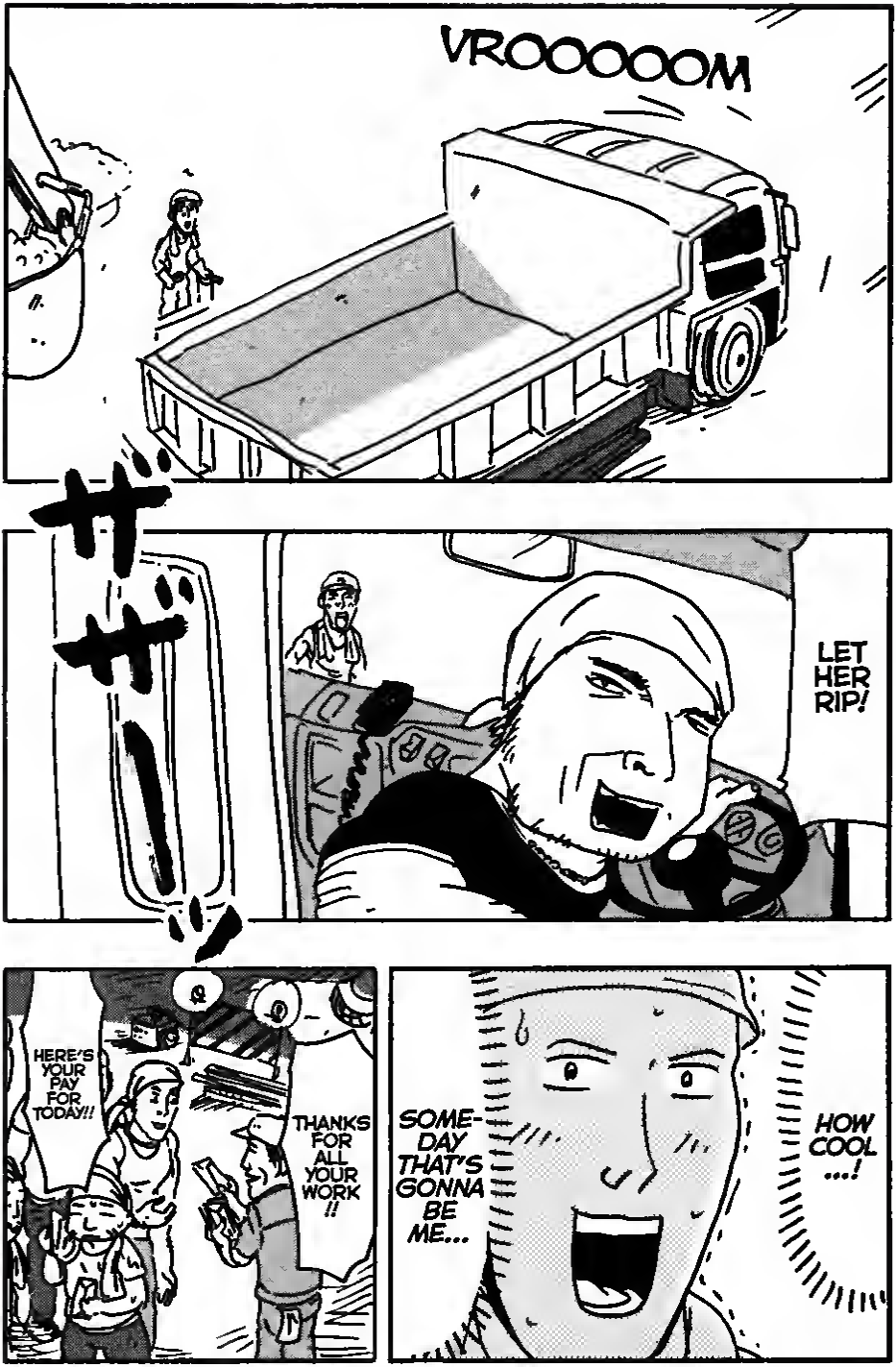
Y... YEAH... NO DOUBT ABOUT IT...
TETZ REALLY IS AMAZING ...!!
WELL... I'M FINE EITHER WAY...
NEXT TIME YOU CAN LEARN TOO!
MAN, THAT WAS INTEREST-ING ...
VROOOM
SO YOU'VE KNOWN HIM A LONG TIME?
OH REALLY?!
HE ALWAYS HAS BEEN!!
REALLY?
YEAH... BACK THEN TETZ AND I WERE ALWAYS TALKING ABOUT OUR DREAMS.
THAT LONG, HUH?
HUH?! YOU DON'T KNOW?! WE'VE KNOWN EACH OTHER SINCE MY FOOD CART DAYS!

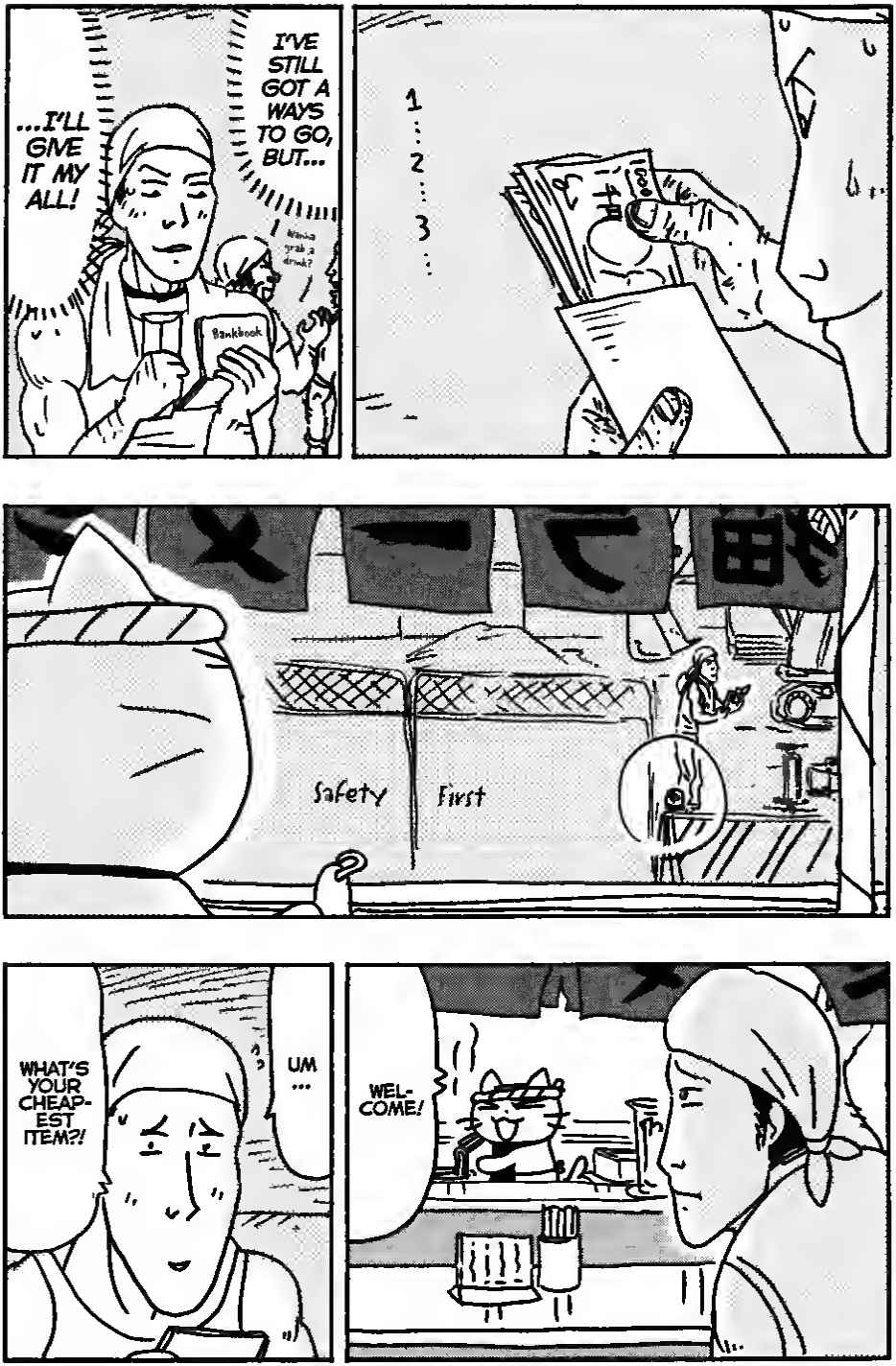

OH?! THAT'S IN-CREDI-BLE!!
OR PERHAPS I SHOULD SAY THAT IT WAS THANKS TO HIM THAT MY DREAM CAME TRUE.
AND FINALLY, BOTH OF US HAVE ACHIEVED OUR DREAMS.

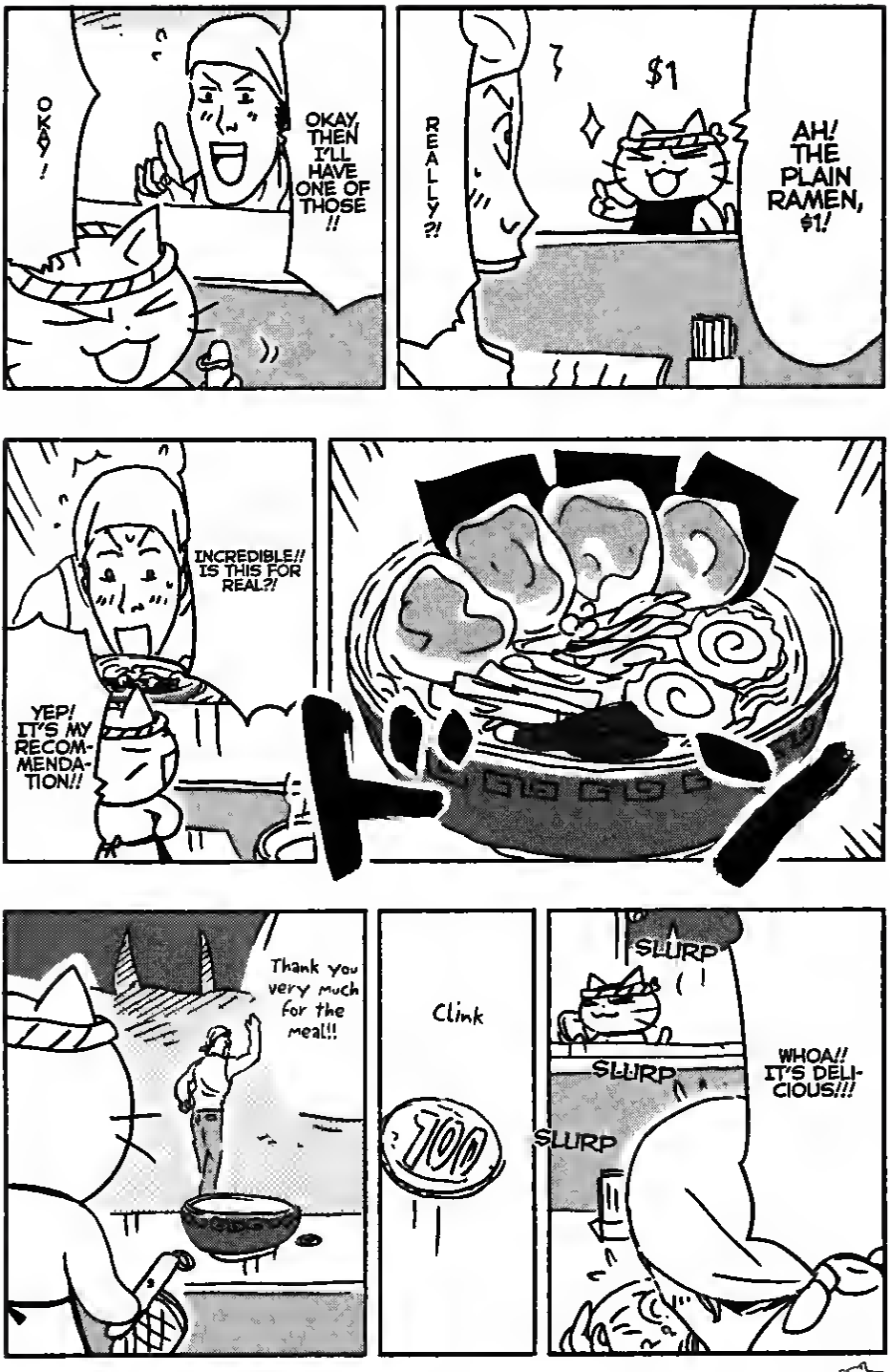

THANKS TO TETZ...

Tetz (19)
GATS

GAT
KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK!
ATS
THANK YOU VERY MUCH !!
YES I R !
GAT
AH! THE YOUNG ONE! YOU'RE HERE AGAIN TODAY!
ATS
CLICK
TWIST
HERE WE GO...
ヴォーン
ヴォオオオン


VROOOOOM
LET HER RIP!
HERE'S YOUR PAY FOR TODAY!!
THANKS FOR ALL YOUR WORK !!
SOME-DAY THAT'S GONNA BE ME...
HOW COOL ...!


...I'LL GIVE IT MY ALL!
I'VE STILL GOT A WAYS TO GO, BUT...
Wanna grab a drink?
Bankbook
1
2
3
Safety First
WHAT'S YOUR CHEAP-EST ITEM?!
UM ...
WEL-COME!

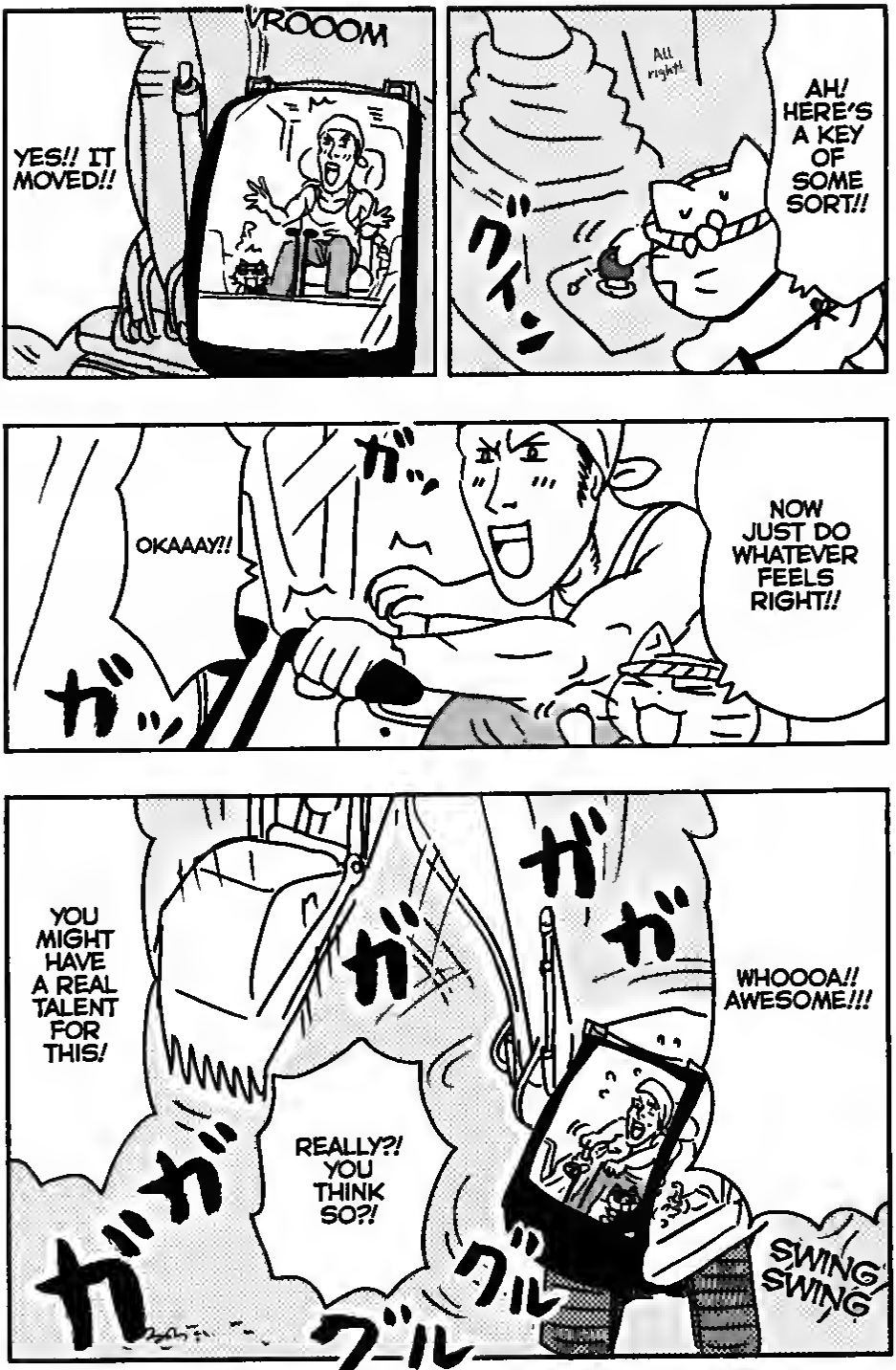

OKAY!
OKAY, THEN I'LL HAVE ONE OF THOSE!!
REALLY?!
$1
AH! THE PLAIN RAMEN, $1!
INCREDIBLE!! IS THIS FOR REAL?!
YEP! IT'S MY RECOMMENDATION!!
Thank you very much for the meal!!
Clink
TION
SLURP
SLURP
SLURP
WHOA!! IT'S DELICIOUS!!!

ドン
SURE THING!
I'LL HAVE WHAT HE HAD!
This is how it's actually supposed to be!
It's completely different!!
HUUUH ?!
HERE YOU GO, ONE PLAIN RAMEN! THAT'LL BE $8!
OH, THIS ?!
ARE YOU SAVING UP FOR SOMETHING ?!
YOU'RE ALWAYS GAZING AT THAT THING.
SLURP
SLURP
Delicious! So good!
TETZ STARTED COMING EVERY DAY AFTER THAT ...

DREAM, EH...?
SQUEEZE
...THIS IS MY ...DREAM!
INCRED-IBLE!!
WOW !!
That's so cool!
...AND THEN I'LL DRIVE ALL OVER JAPAN!!
VROOM—
SOMEDAY I'LL HAVE ENOUGH FOR MY OWN BIG RIG...
THANKS TAISHO !!
Good Luck!!
YEAH !!
IT'S ALL RIGHT! I'M SURE IT'LL HAPPEN!!
You can do it!
Ha ha ha—
THOUGH... AT THIS POINT I DON'T EVEN HAVE A LICENSE ...

WEEEELL...
MY DREAM?!
Yes, do tell!!
WHAT'S YOUR DREAM, TAISHO?!
CHÄIN!!
A NATION-WIDE...
Awe-some!!
MAYBE EXPAND-ING INTO A NATION-WIDE CHAIN...
Nation-wide Neko Ramen Chain!!
I'D HAVE TO SAY HAVING MY OWN SHOP...
WHAAA?
NOT PARTIC-ULARLY!
WANT TO HEAR MY DREAM TOO?!
YOU THINK SO?!
definitely!!
I KNOW IT WILL HAPPEN!!
Daaah...
My dream is to first become a supervisor... After that to become head of departments... To become the head of the New York branch...
Then the president of the company... And then CEO...
Awe-some...
Incredible...

PRAC-TICE ?!
YOU SHOULD PRACTICE A BIT RIGHT NOW!
AH! OH YEAH!
ワハハ
SNORE
Cling Cling
REALLY ?!
Mamm-kid-my?
IT'LL BE FINE! I USED TO BE AN INSTRUCTOR AT A DRIVING SCHOOL!
Has no clue what to do.
LET'S SEE... THE STEER-ING WHEEL IS...
UH...
HOW DO YOU WORK THIS THING?!
WOW!! THIS IS SO COOL!!
PIECE OF CAKE!


VROOOM
YES!! IT MOVED!!
All right!
AH! HERE'S A KEY OF SOME SORT!!
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OKAAAY!!
ガッ
NOW JUST DO WHATEVER FEELS RIGHT!!
YOU MIGHT HAVE A REAL TALENT FOR THIS!
REALLY?! YOU THINK SO?!
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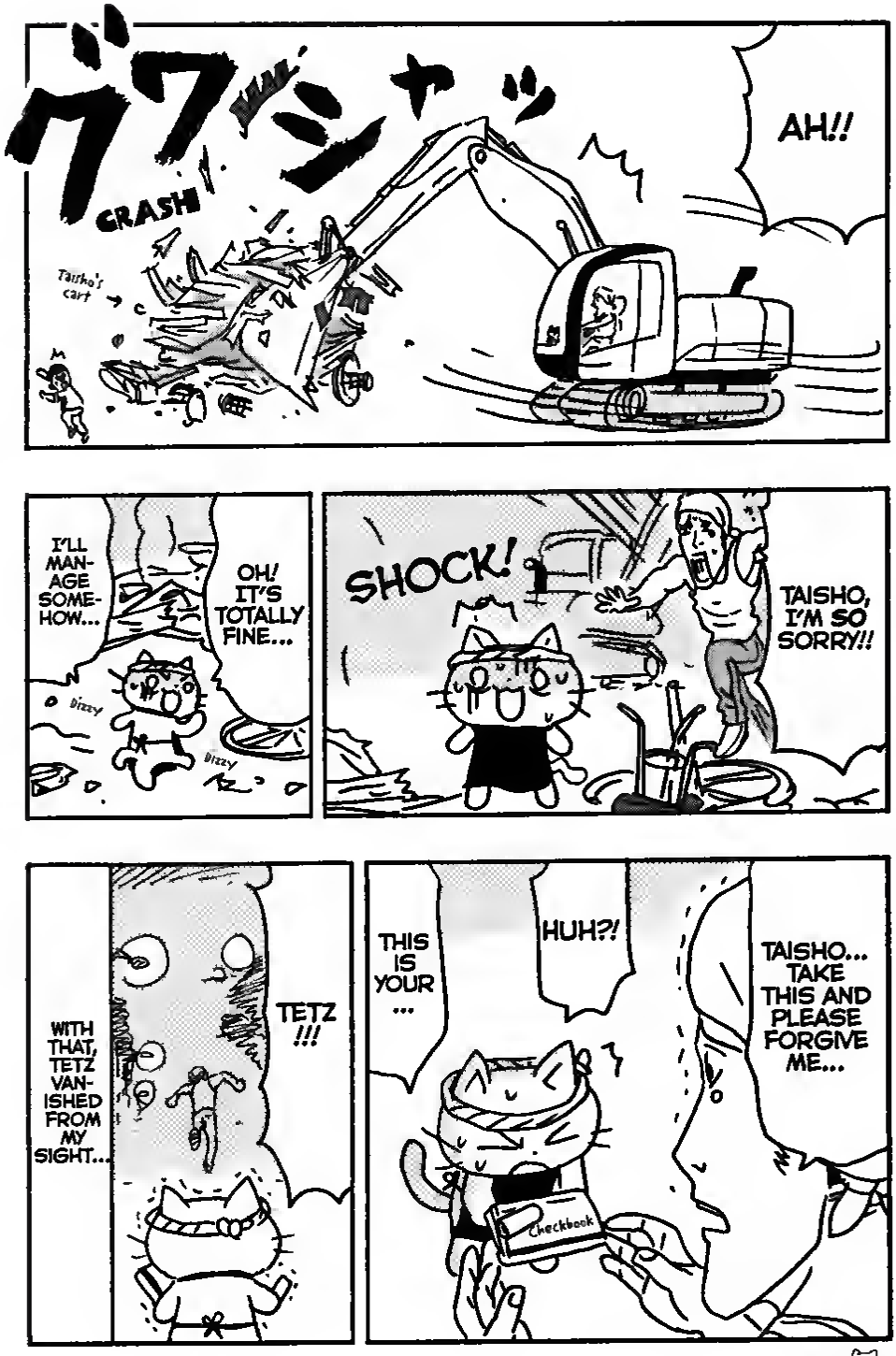
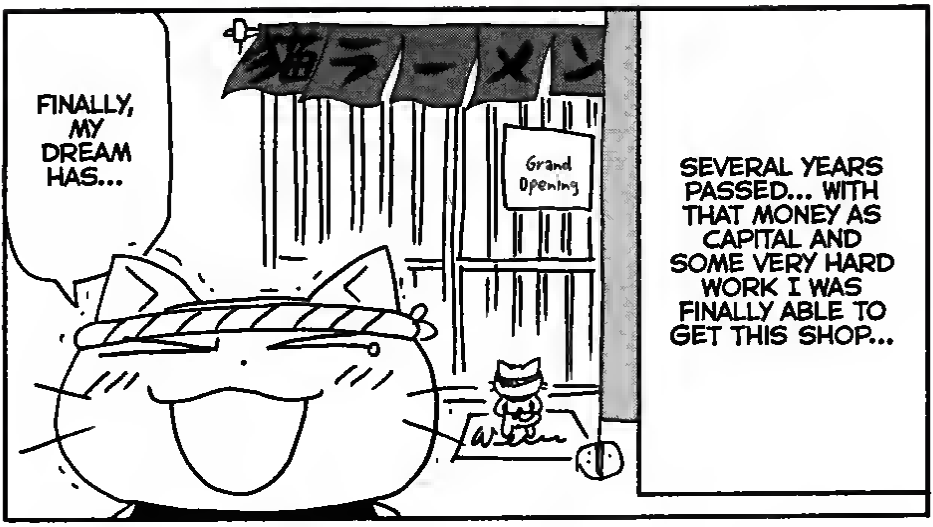
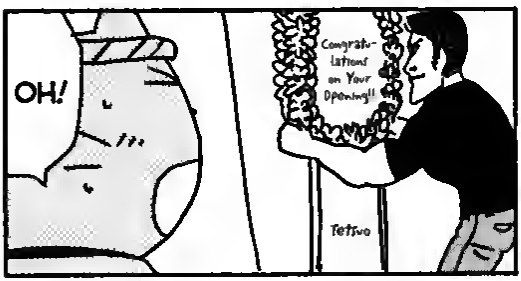
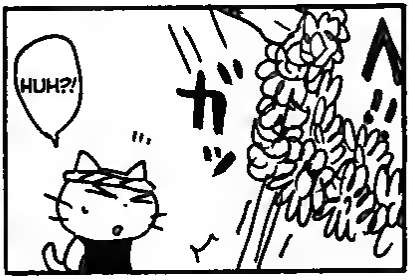
WHOOOA!! AWESOME!!!
SWING SWING


ガシャッ
CRASH!
AH!!
Taisho's cart
I'LL MANAGE SOMEHOW...
OH! IT'S TOTALLY FINE...
Dizzy
Dizzy
SHOCK!
TAISHO, I'M SO SORRY!!
WITH THAT, TETZ VANISHED FROM MY SIGHT...
TETZ !!!
THIS IS YOUR ...
HUH?!
TAISHO... TAKE THIS AND PLEASE FORGIVE ME...
Checkbook


FINALLY, MY DREAM HAS...
Grand Opening
SEVERAL YEARS PASSED... WITH THAT MONEY AS CAPITAL AND SOME VERY HARD WORK I WAS FINALLY ABLE TO GET THIS SHOP...


OH!
Congratulations on Your Opening!!
Tetsuo


HUH?!
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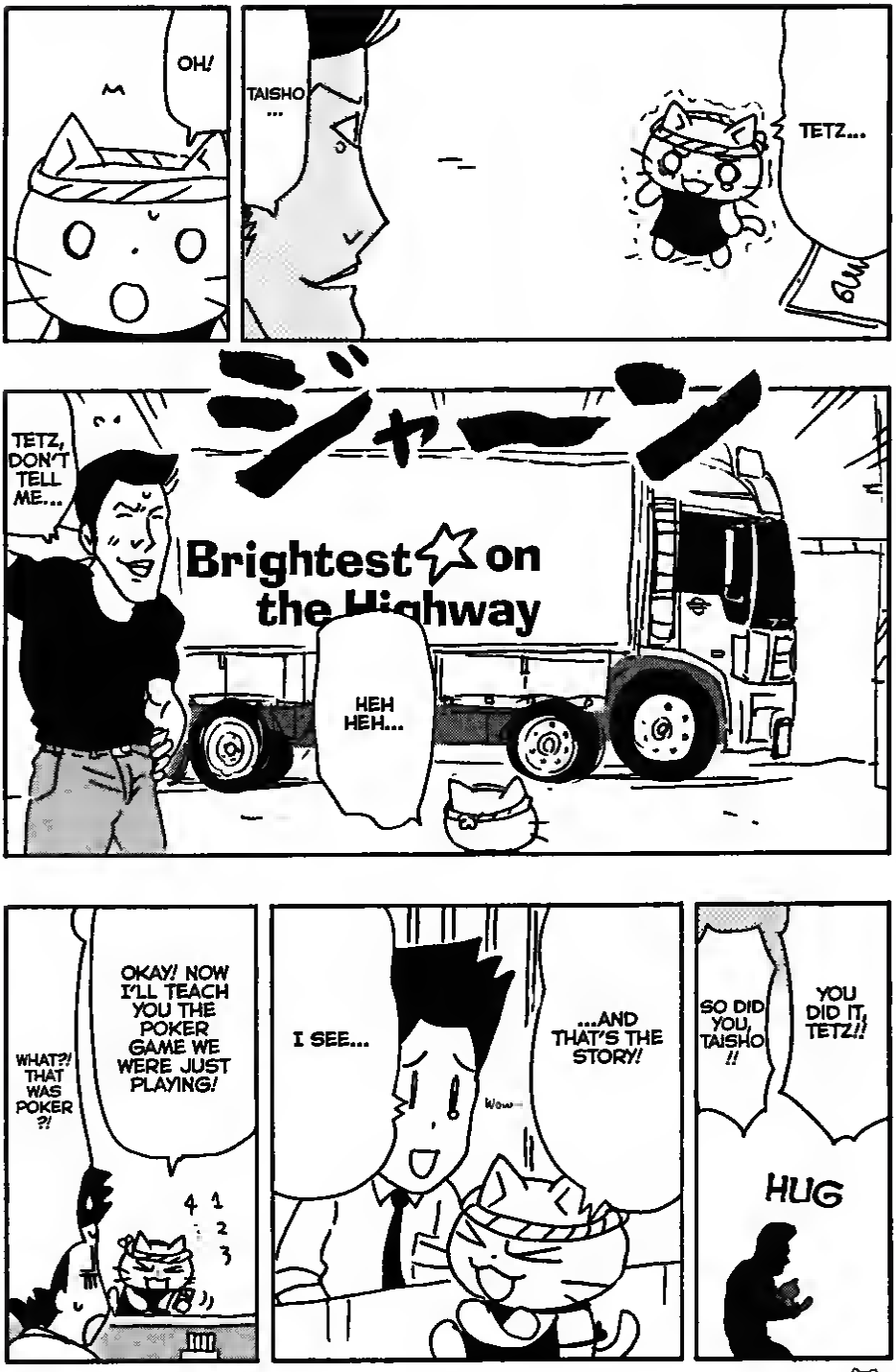
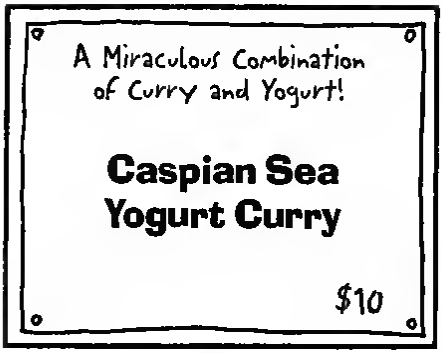
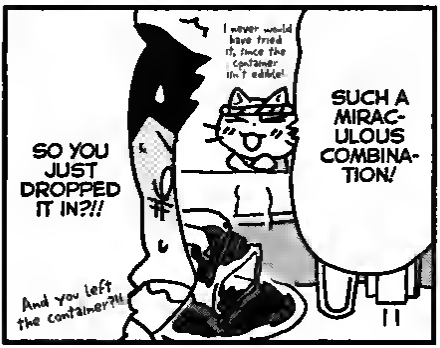
TAISHO...
...CON-GRATU-LATIONS!


OH!
TAISHO ...
TETZ...
ジャーン
TETZ, DON'T TELL ME...
Brightest☆on the Highway
HEH HEH...
WHAT?! THAT WAS POKER ?!
OKAY! NOW I'LL TEACH YOU THE POKER GAME WE WERE JUST PLAYING!
4 1 2 3
I SEE...
...AND THAT'S THE STORY!
SO DID YOU, TAISHO !!
YOU DID IT, TETZ!!
HUG




I never would have tried it, since the container isn't edible!
SUCH A MIRACULOUS COMBINATION!
SO YOU JUST DROPPED IT IN?!!
And you left the container?!!

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Neko Ramen's Neko Curry

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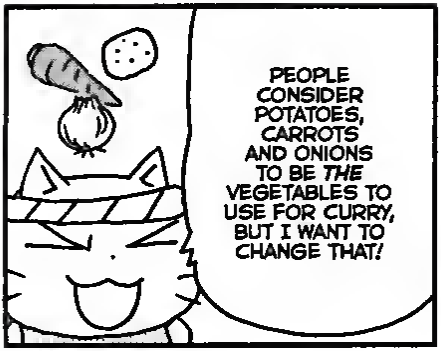

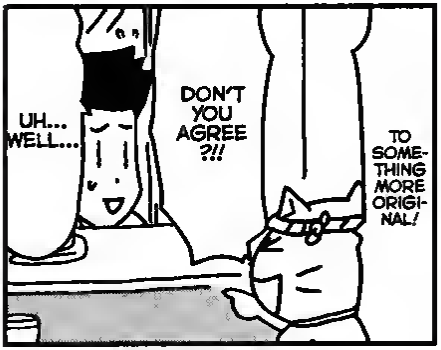

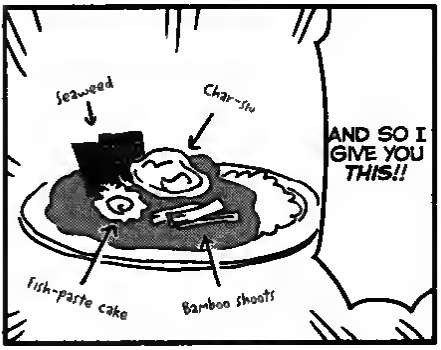

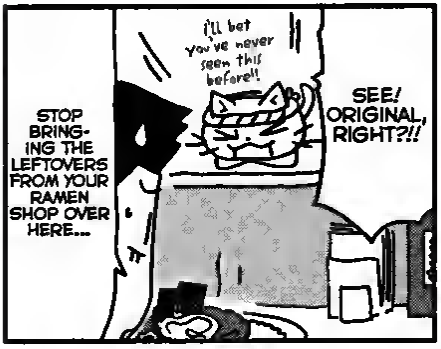

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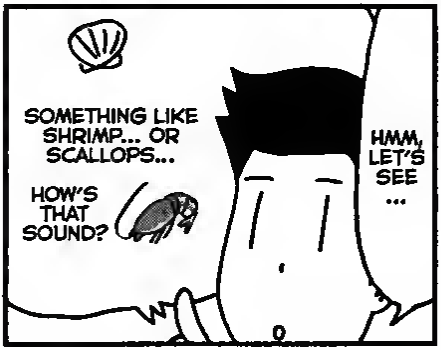

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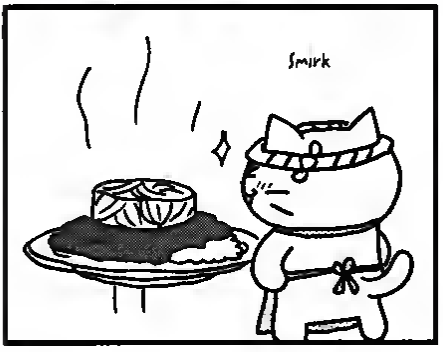

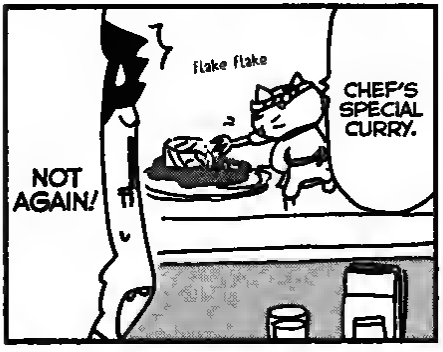

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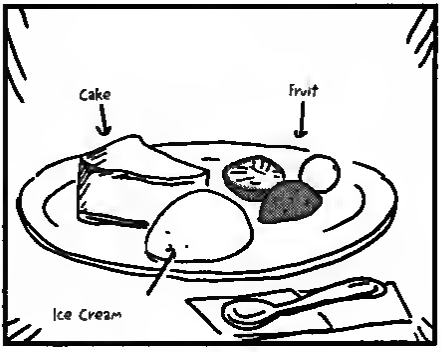

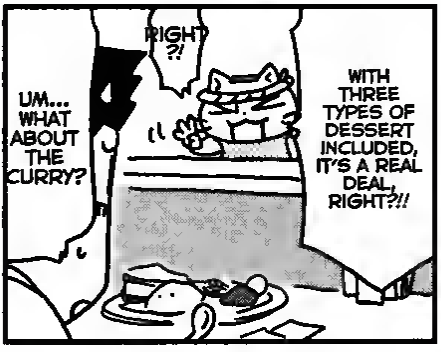

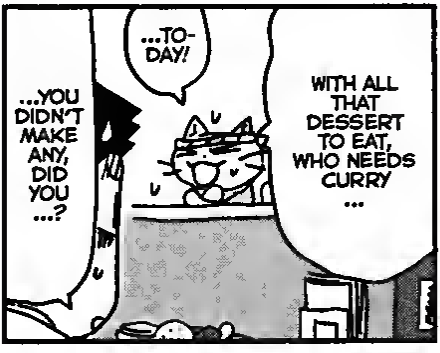

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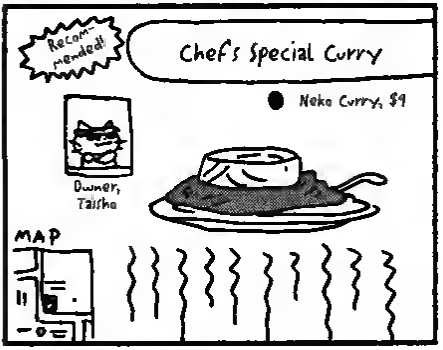

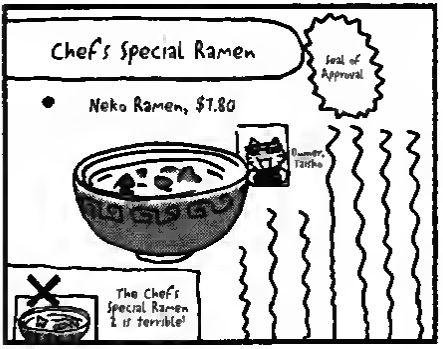

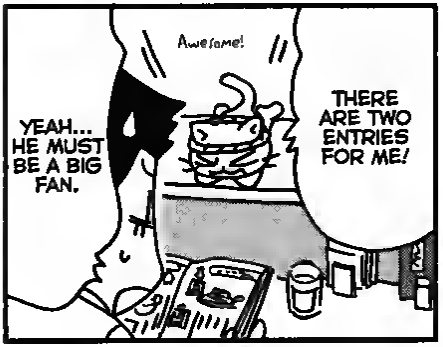

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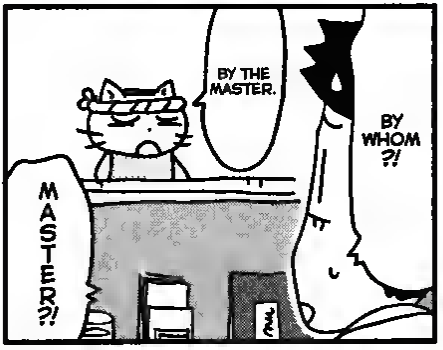

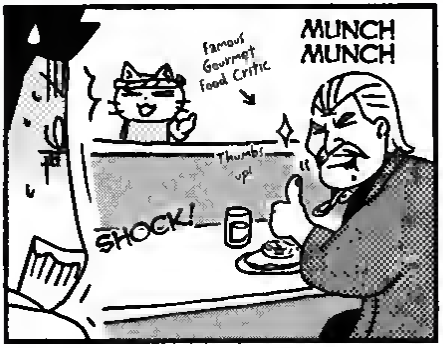

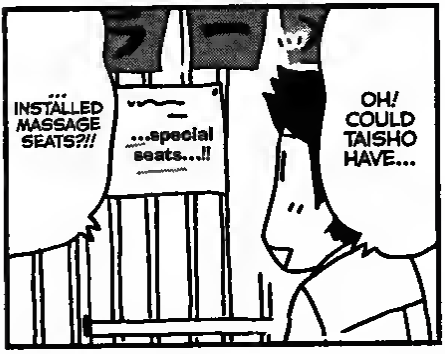

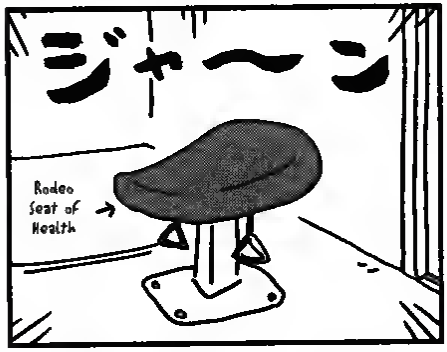

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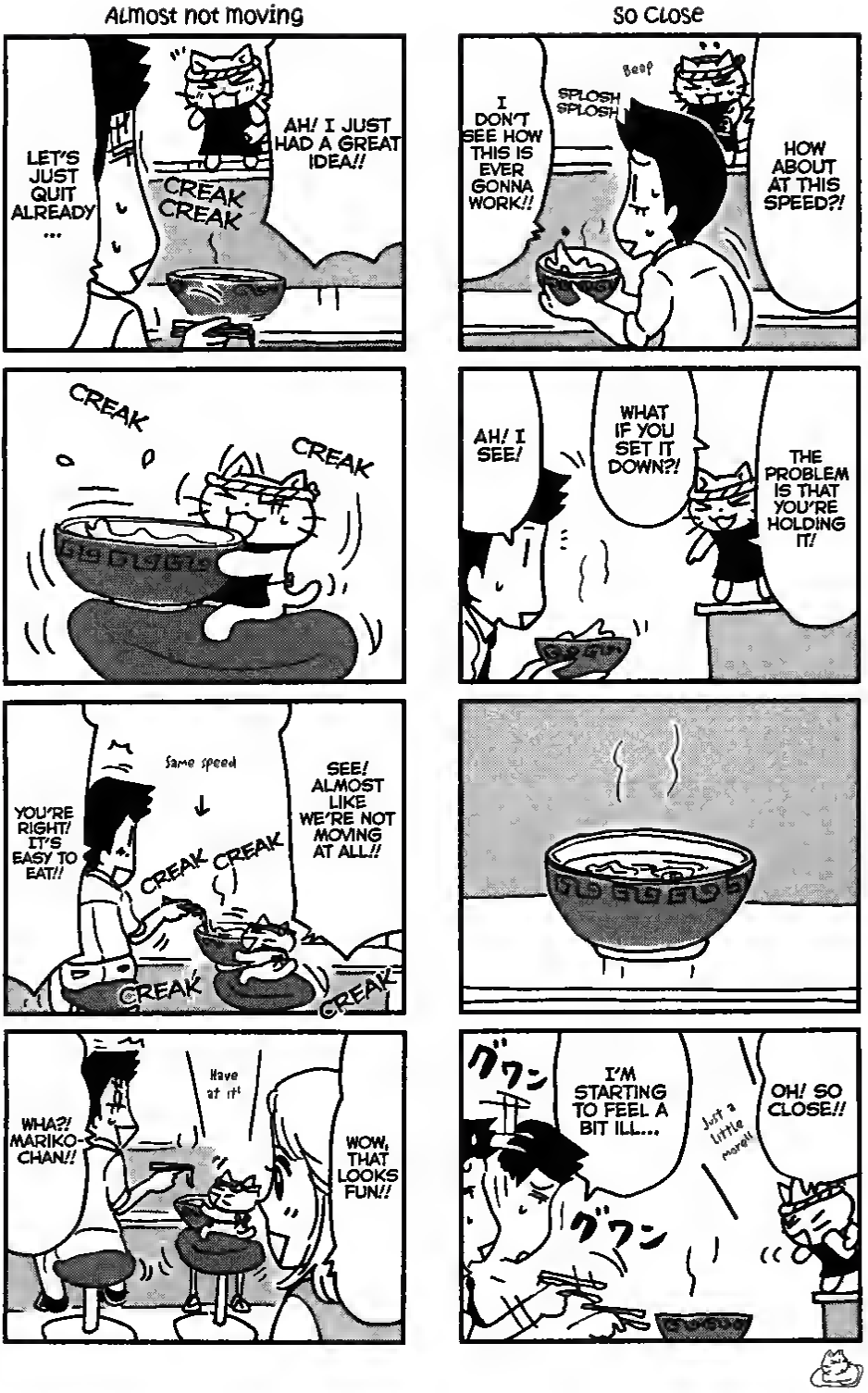
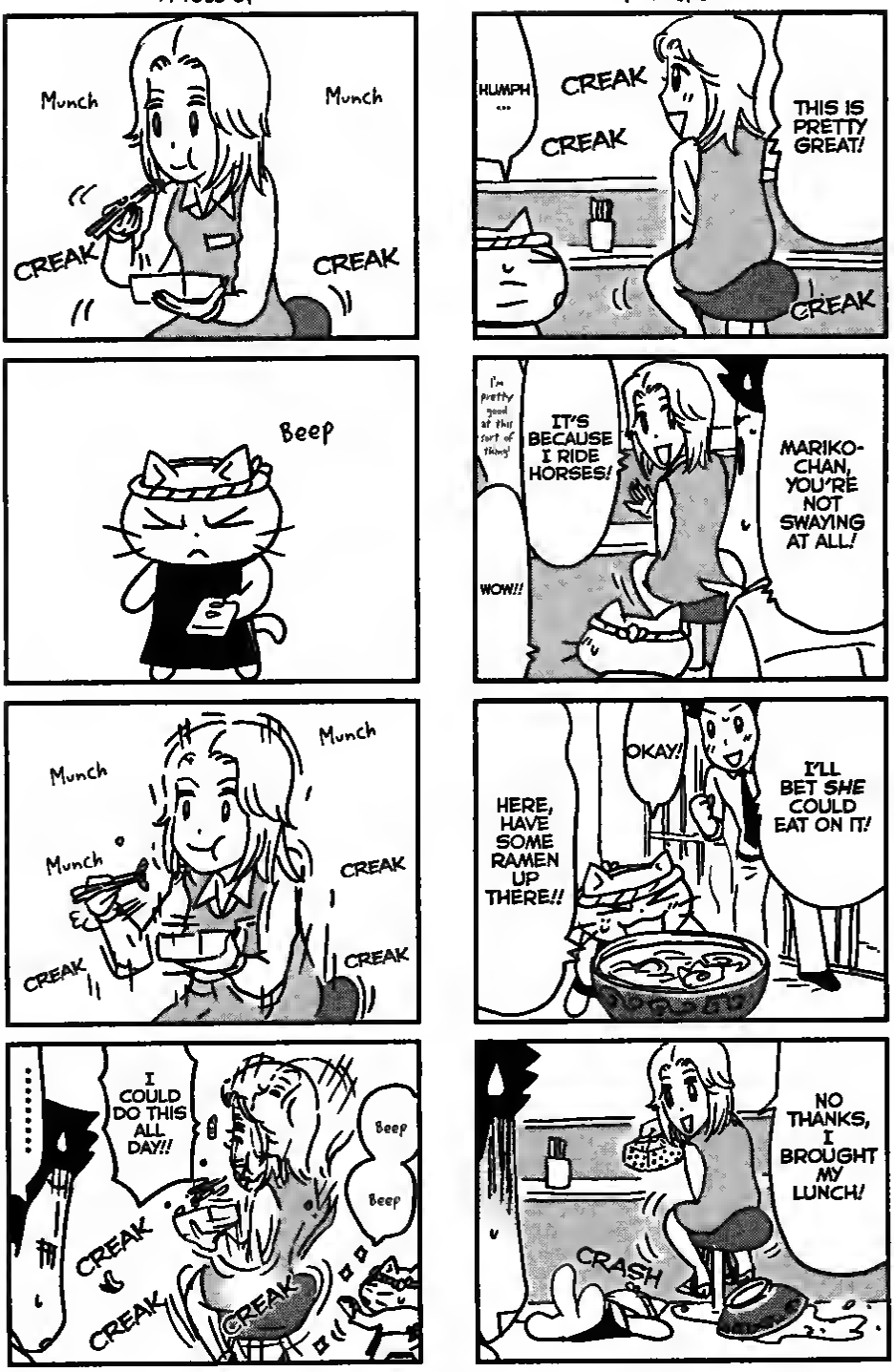
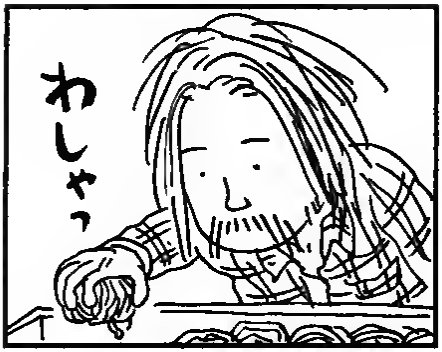
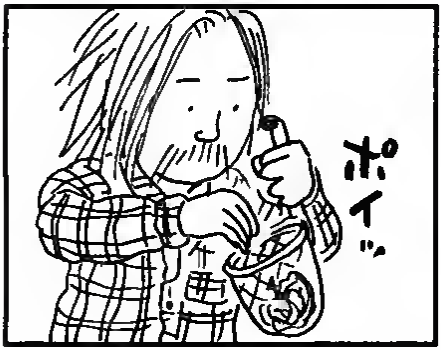
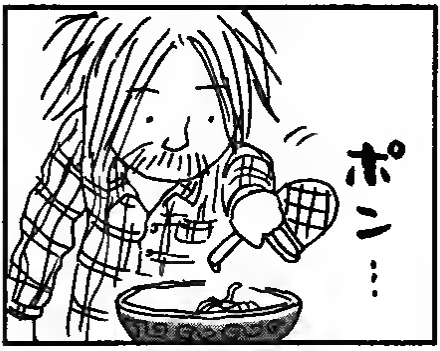

Almost not moving
So Close
LET'S JUST QUIT ALREADY ...
CREAK CREAK
AH! I JUST HAD A GREAT IDEA!!
I DON'T SEE HOW THIS IS EVER GONNA WORK!!
SPLOSH SPLOSH
Beep
HOW ABOUT AT THIS SPEED?!
CREAK
CREAK
AH! I SEE!
WHAT IF YOU SET IT DOWN?!
THE PROBLEM IS THAT YOU'RE HOLDING IT!
Same speed
YOU'RE RIGHT! IT'S EASY TO EAT!!
CREAK CREAK
SEE! ALMOST LIKE WE'RE NOT MOVING AT ALL!!
CREAK
CREAK
Have at it!
WHA?! MARIKO-CHAN!!
WOW, THAT LOOKS FUN!!
グワン
I'M STARTING TO FEEL A BIT ILL...
Just a little more!!
OH! SO CLOSE!!
グワン

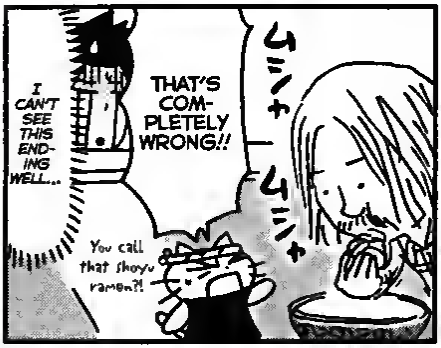

A TOSS-UP
Munch
Munch
CREAK
CREAK
Beep
Munch
Munch
Munch
CREAK
CREAK
CREAK
I COULD DO THIS ALL DAY!!
Beep
Beep
CREAK
CREAK
CREAK
perhaps...
HUMPH ...
CREAK
CREAK
THIS IS PRETTY GREAT!
CREAK
I'm pretty good at this sort of thing!
IT'S BECAUSE I RIDE HORSES!
WOW!!
MARIKO-CHAN, YOU'RE NOT SWAYING AT ALL!
HERE, HAVE SOME RAMEN UP THERE!!
OKAY!
I'LL BET SHE COULD EAT ON IT!
NO THANKS, I BROUGHT MY LUNCH!
CRASH

Shige-chan Ramen









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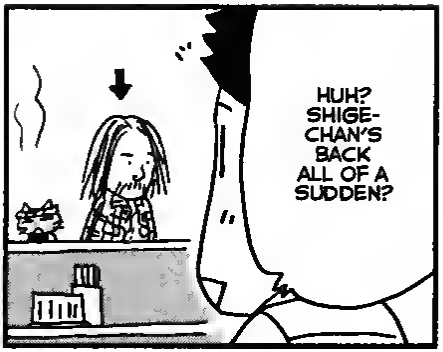
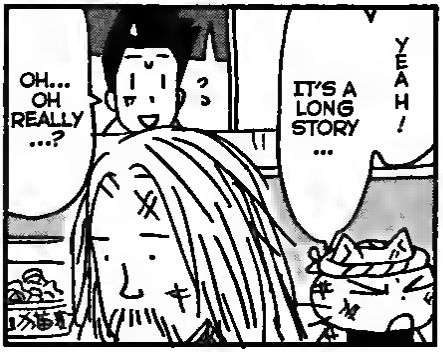
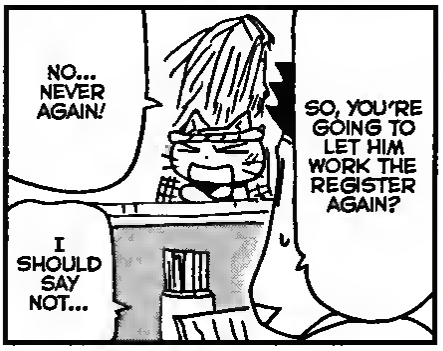
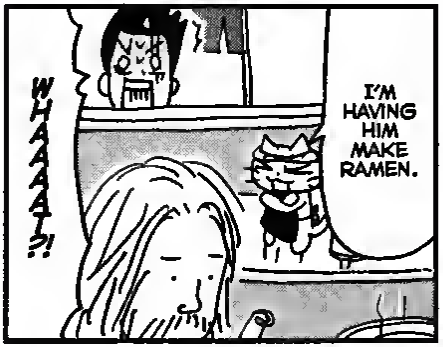
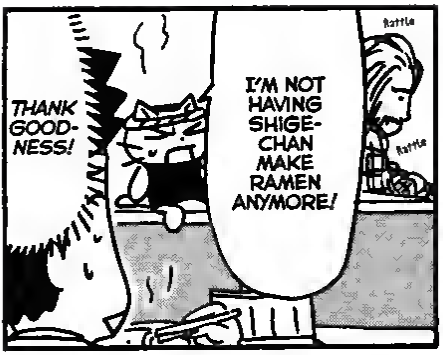
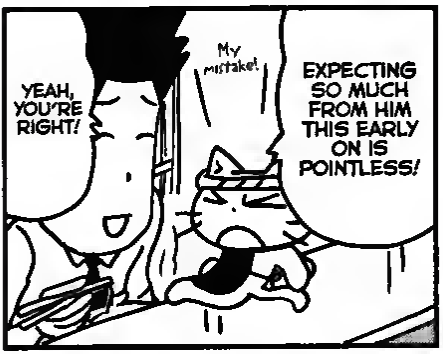


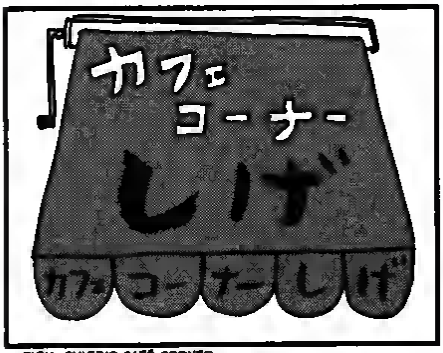




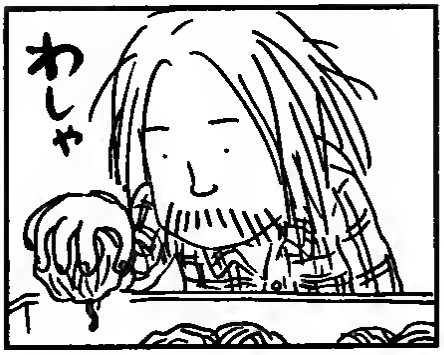


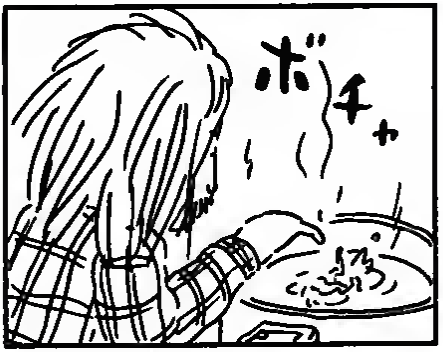


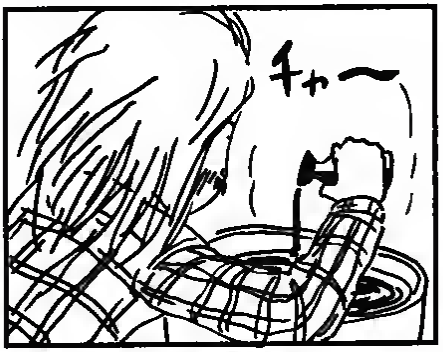


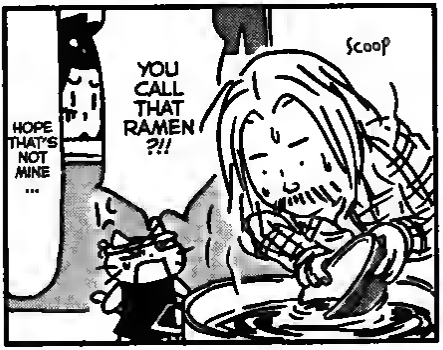


SIGN: SHIGE'S CAFÉ CORNER









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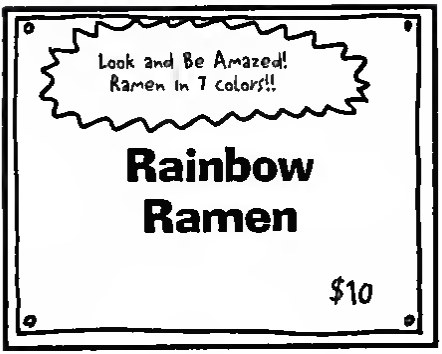
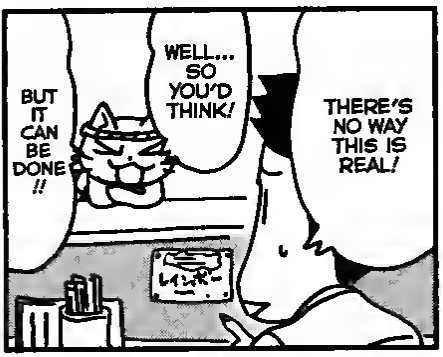
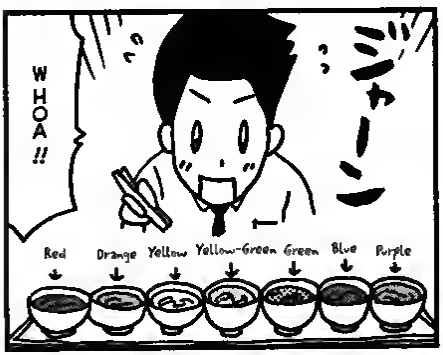
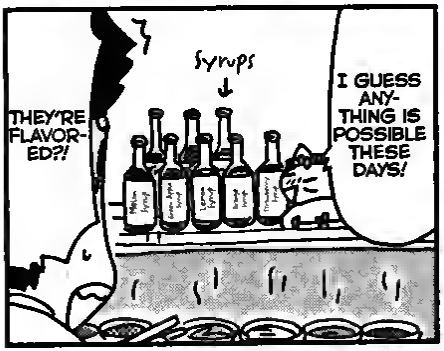
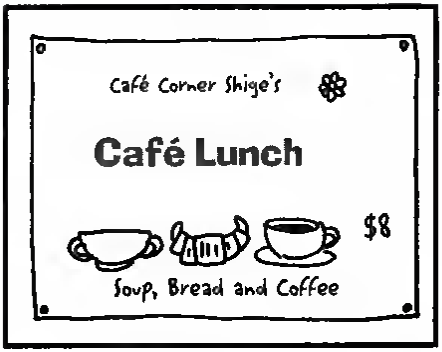


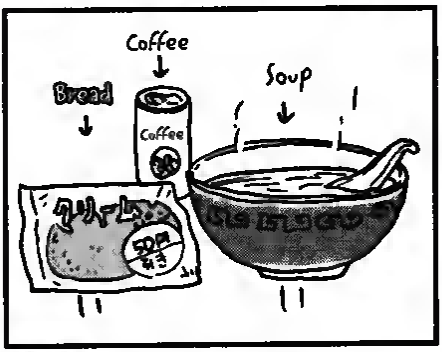


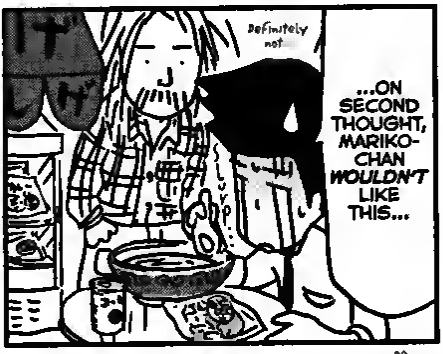


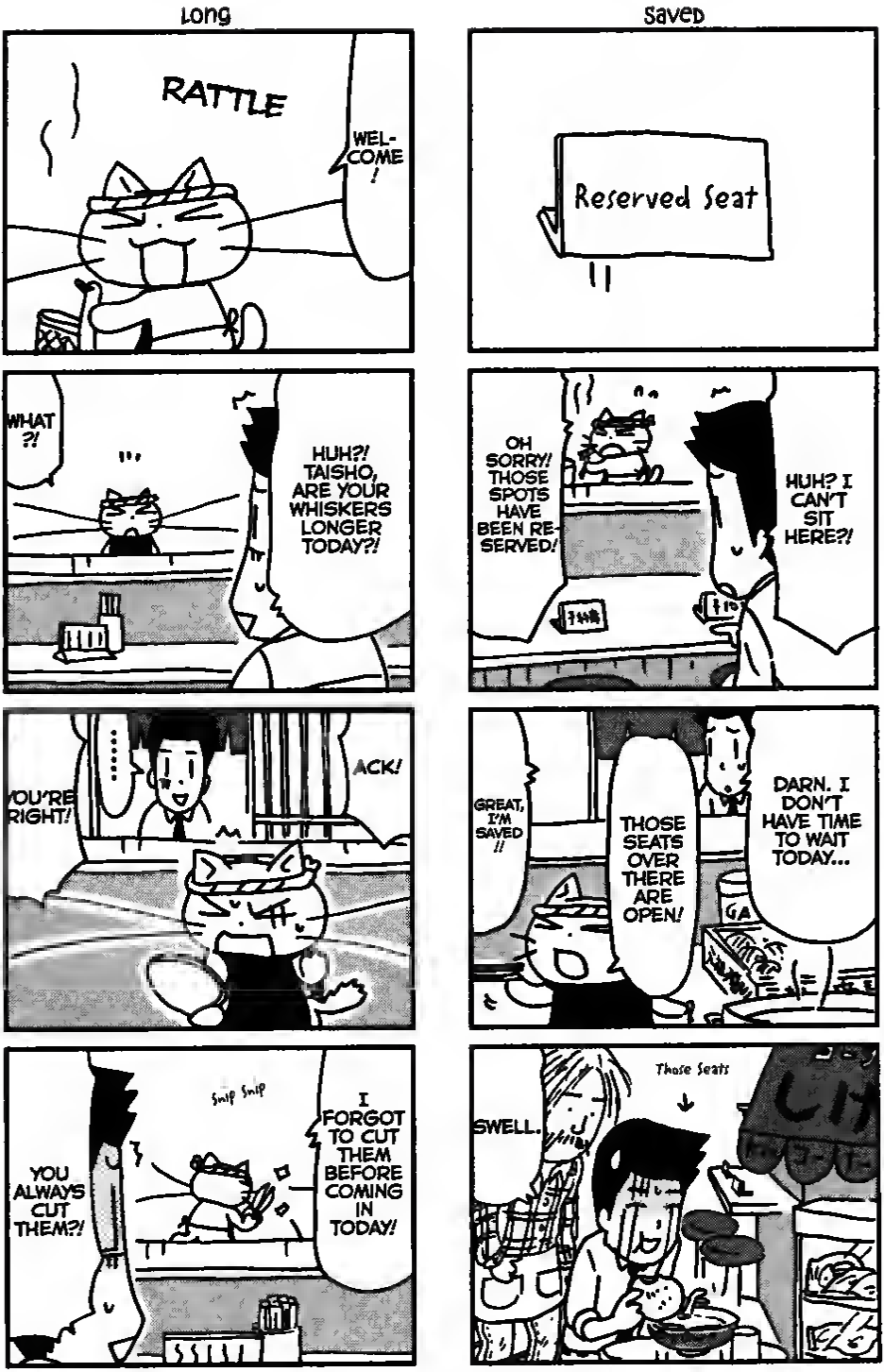


SOUP SET

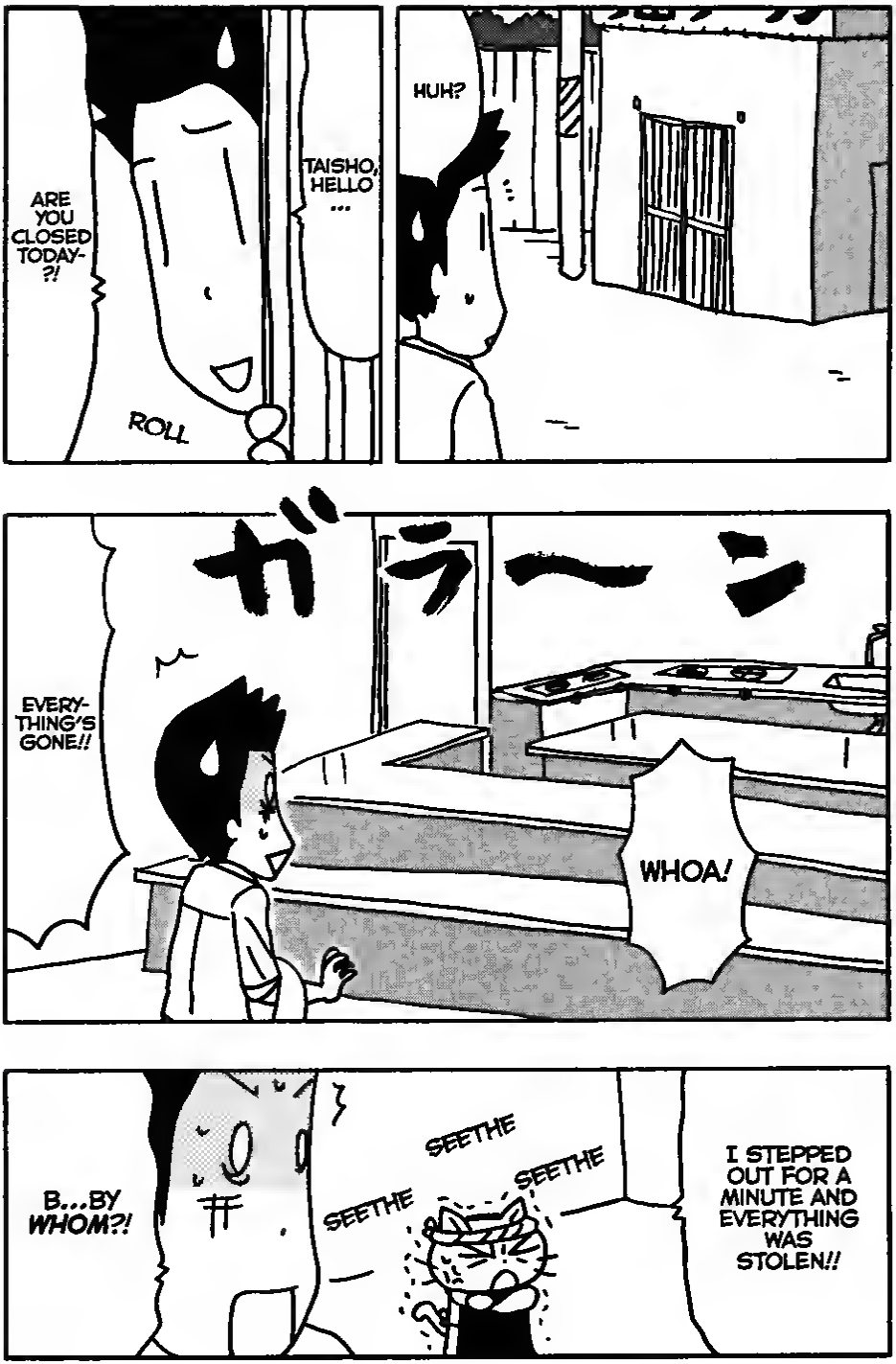






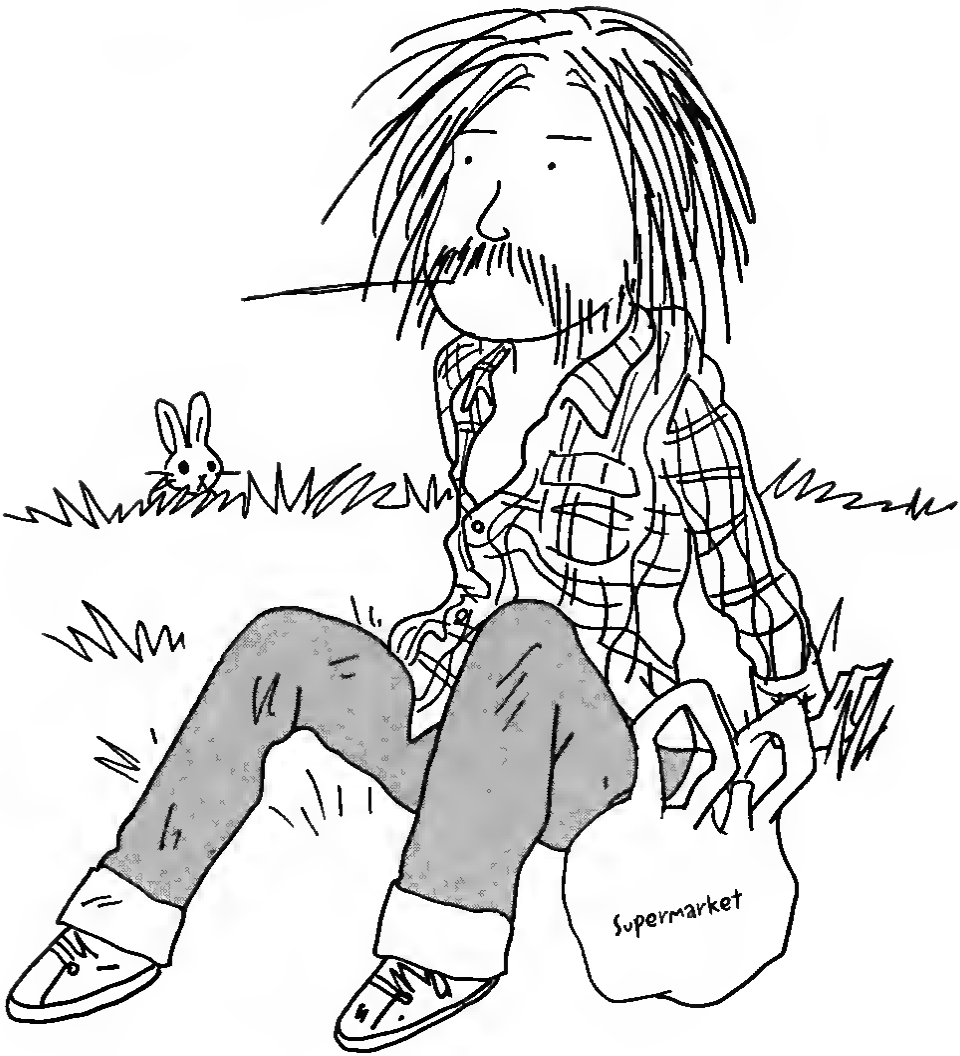

Long
Saved
RATTLE
WEL-COME!
Reserved Seat
WHAT?!
HUH?! TAISHO, ARE YOUR WHISKERS LONGER TODAY?!
OH SORRY! THOSE SPOTS HAVE BEEN RE-SERVED!
HUH? I CAN'T SIT HERE?!
ACK!
YOU'RE RIGHT!
GREAT, I'M SAVED!
THOSE SEATS OVER THERE ARE OPEN!
DARN. I DON'T HAVE TIME TO WAIT TODAY...
GA
Snip Snip
YOU ALWAYS CUT THEM?!
I FORGOT TO CUT THEM BEFORE COMING IN TODAY!
Those Seats
SWELL.

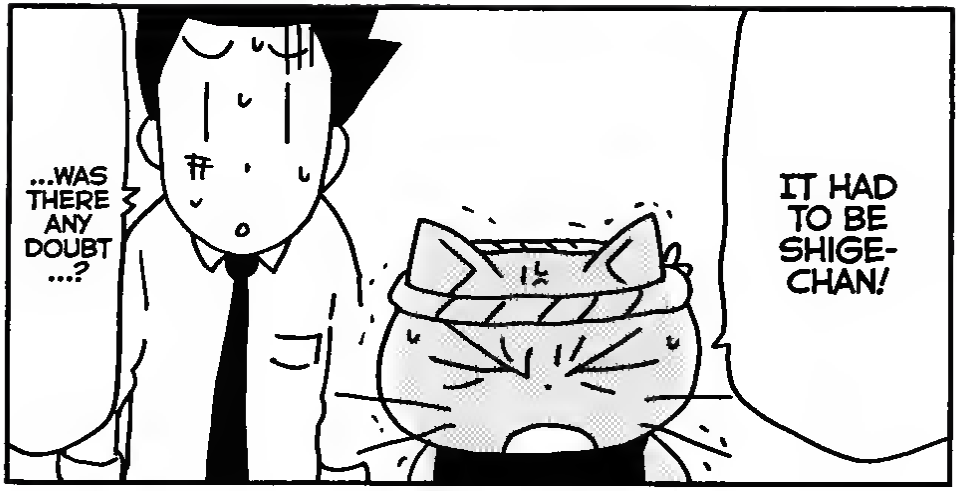
1st place
TA-DAAA
This Month's Rankings
1ST Me
2ND Koichi Tanaka
3RD
THAT'S JUST WRONG!!
This Month's Rankings
1ST Me
2ND Koichi Tanaka
3RD
TURNS OUT I'M IN FIRST PLACE!!
Stick
Stick
This Month's Rankings
1ST
2ND
3RD
THAT... WASN'T THE PROBLEM...
1ST Koichi Tanaka
2ND Me
3RD
4TH
5TH
HAPPY NOW?!!
Ranking
This Month's Rankings
1ST
2ND
3RD
4TH
5TH
YOU'RE FAIRLY UP THERE ON THE LIST. CARE TO GUESS HOW HIGH?
OH! THEY'RE CUS-TOMER RANK-INGS!
WHAT ARE THESE RANK-INGS, TAISHO?
Peel
HMM!
PRO-BABLY FIRST ...
WHAA-AA?! WHO'S FIRST?!
This month's rank
1ST
2ND Koichi Tanaka
3RD
4TH
5TH
I need to know!!
TOO BAD! SECOND!


ARE YOU CLOSED TODAY-?!
ROLL
TAISHO, HELLO...
HUH?
ガラーン
EVERY-THING'S GONE!!
WHOA!
B...BY WHOM?!
SEETHE
SEETHE
SEETHE
I STEPPED OUT FOR A MINUTE AND EVERYTHING WAS STOLEN!!

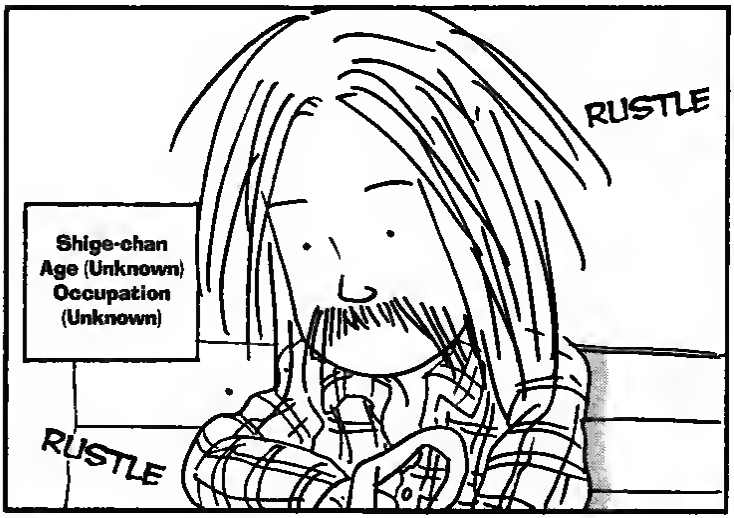
Short Comic Special

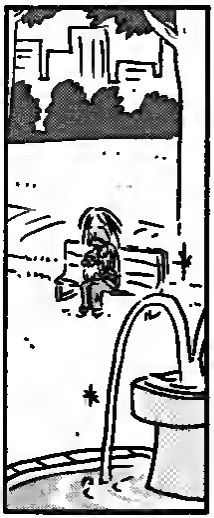
Shige-chan

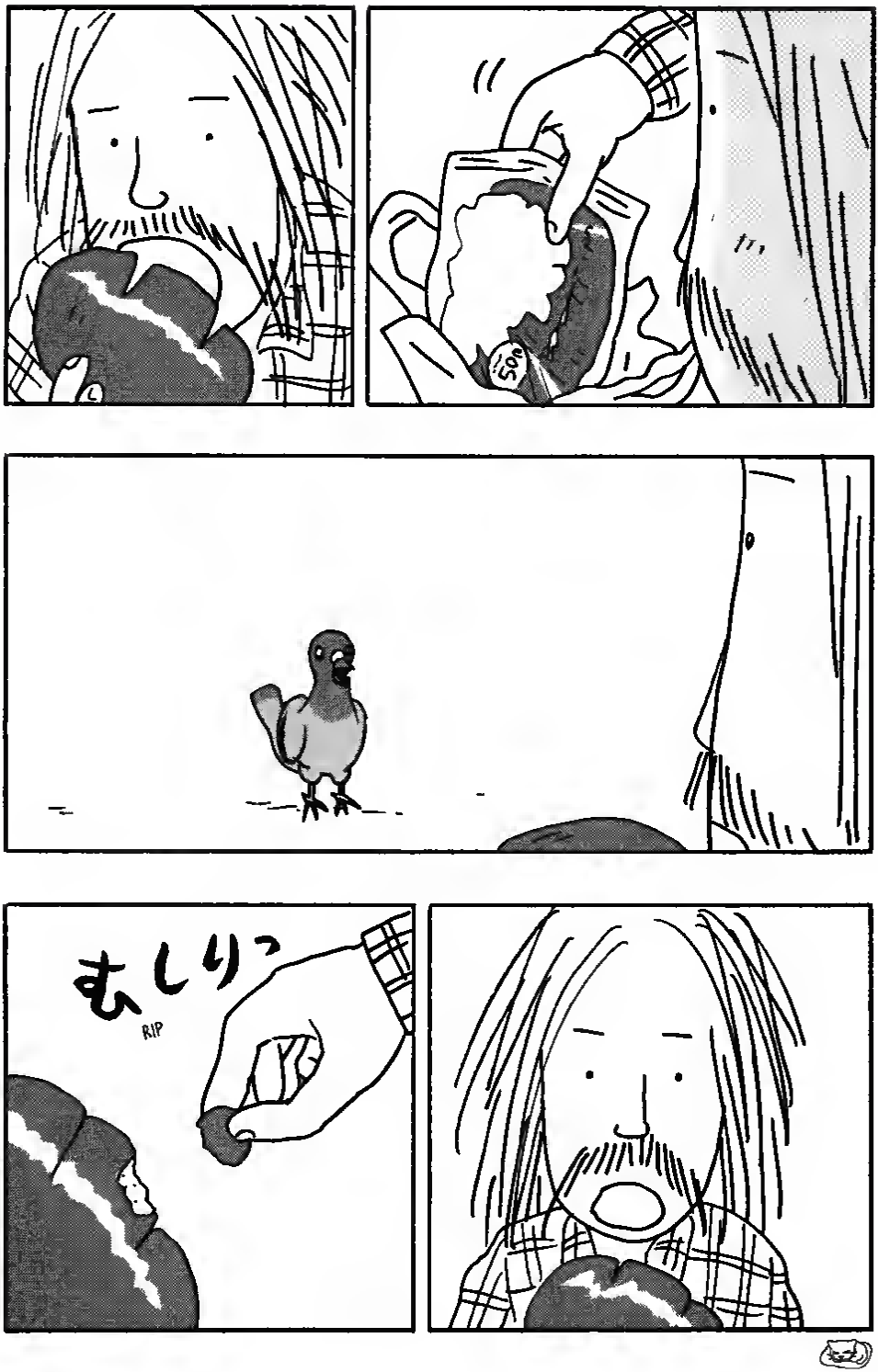


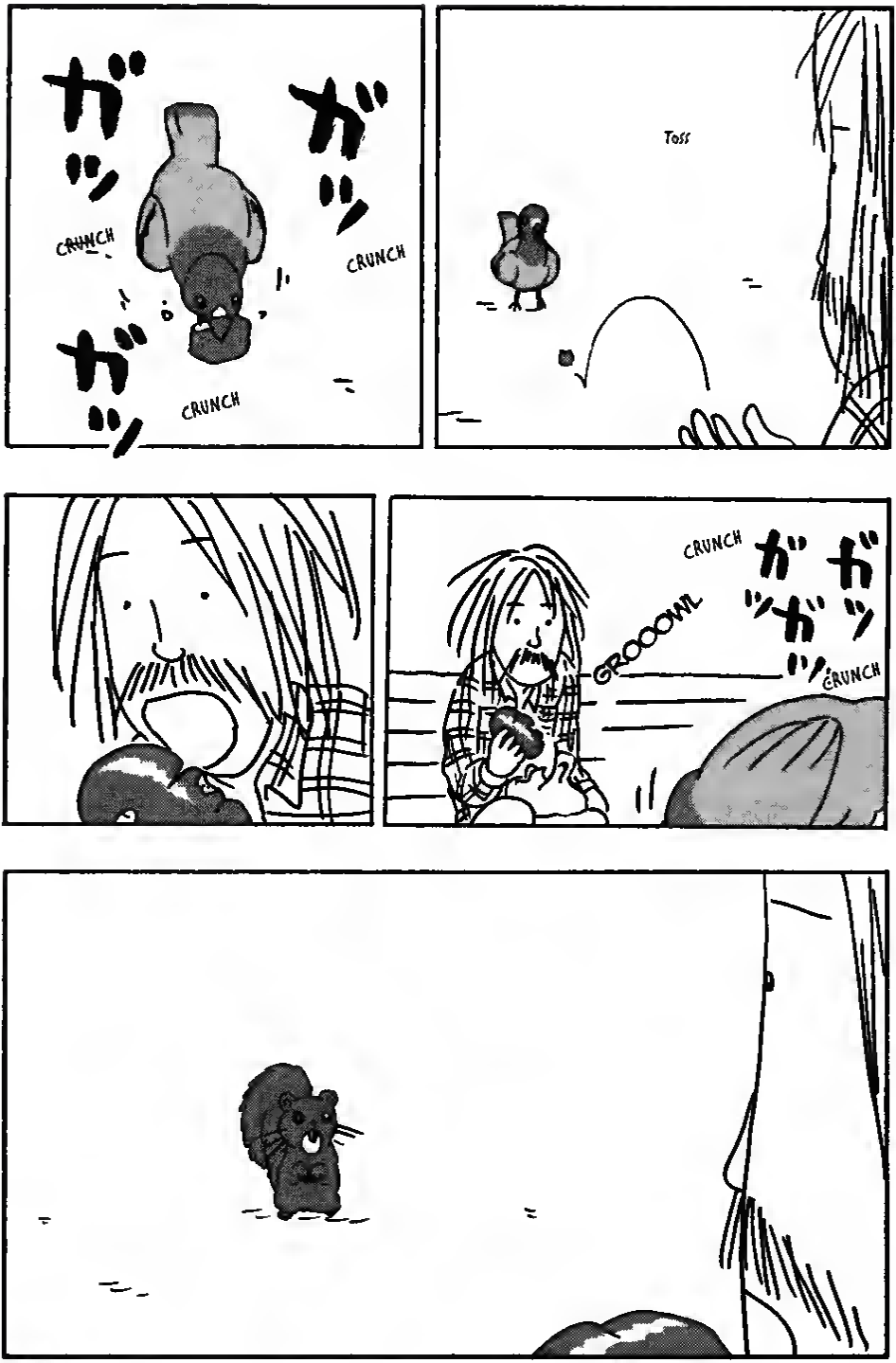

...WAS THERE ANY DOUBT ...?
IT HAD TO BE SHIGE-CHAN!

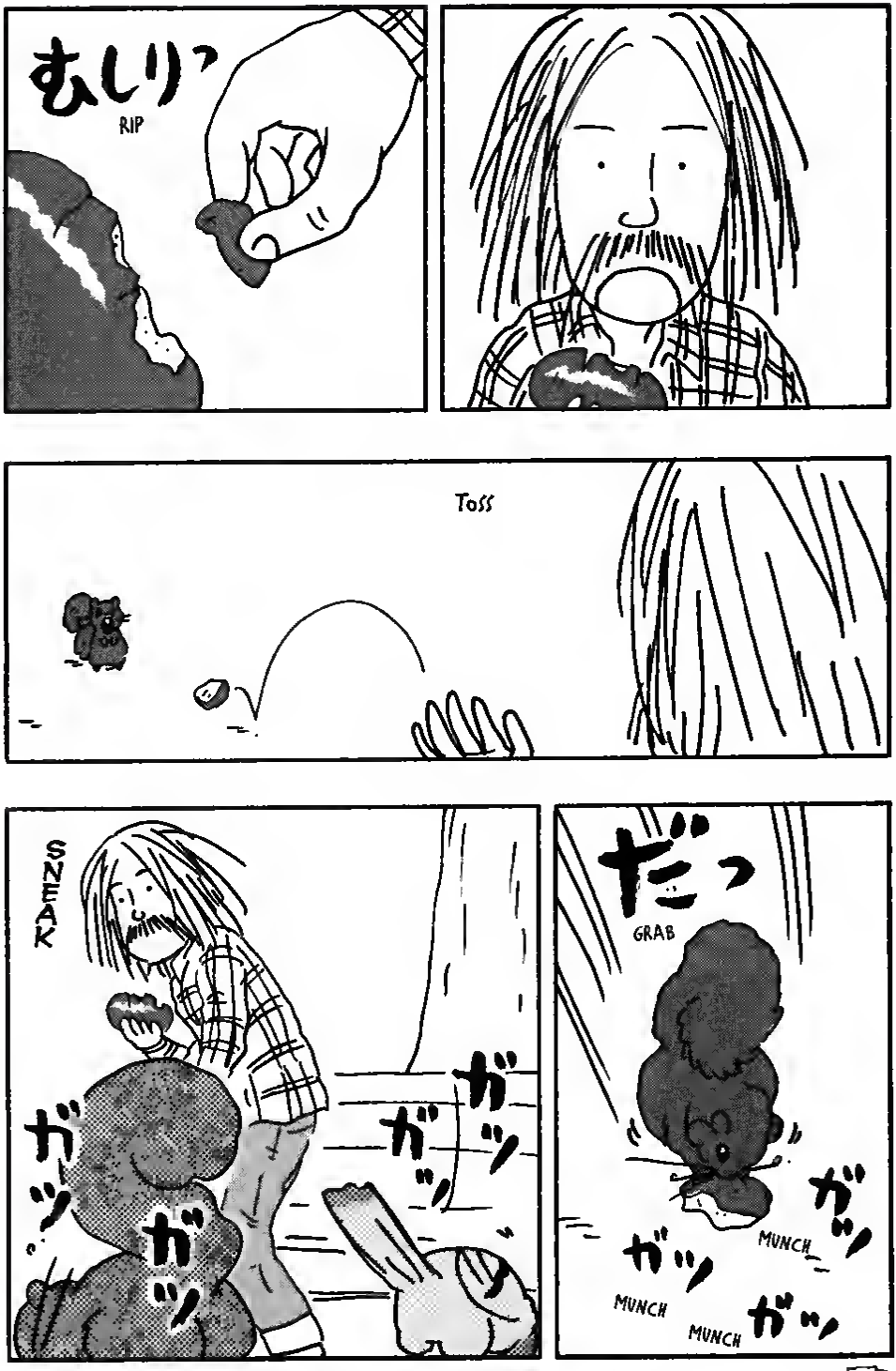
OKA-AAY ...
Bye...
I'M GOING TO TAKE EVERYTHING BACK!!


Shige-chan
Age (Unknown)
Occupation (Unknown)
RUSTLE
RUSTLE




ぱくっ
むしり
RIP


ガッ
CRUNCH
ガッ
CRUNCH
ガッ
CRUNCH
Toss
CRUNCH
ガッ
ガッ
GROOOWL
ガッ
CRUNCH


むしり
RIP
Toss
SNEAK
ガッ
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ガッ
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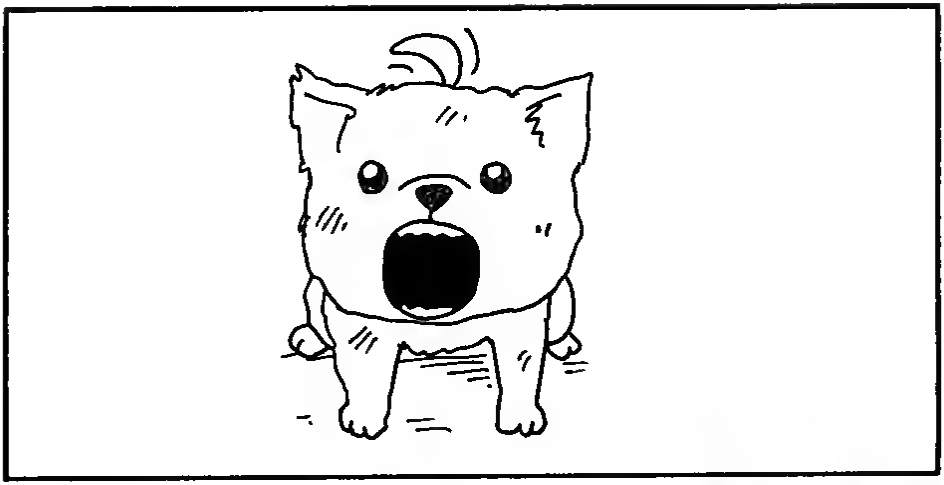
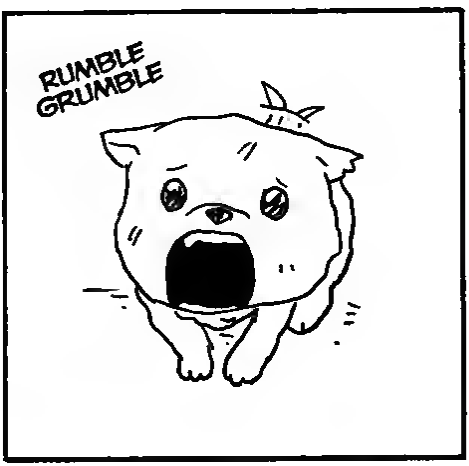
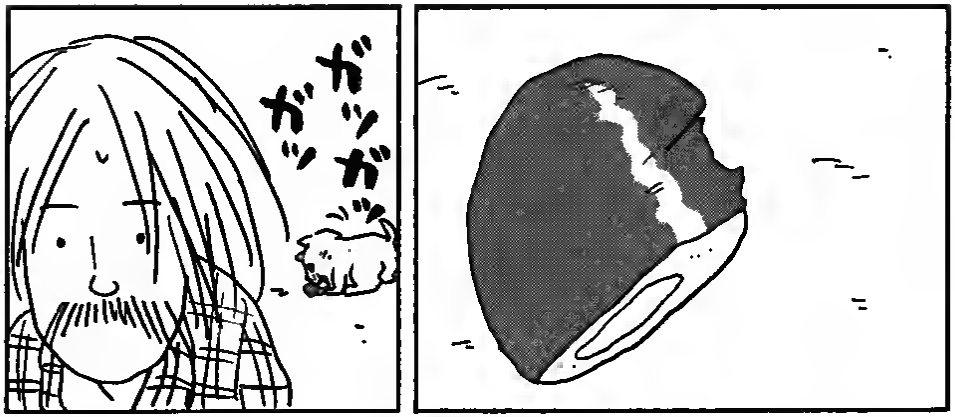
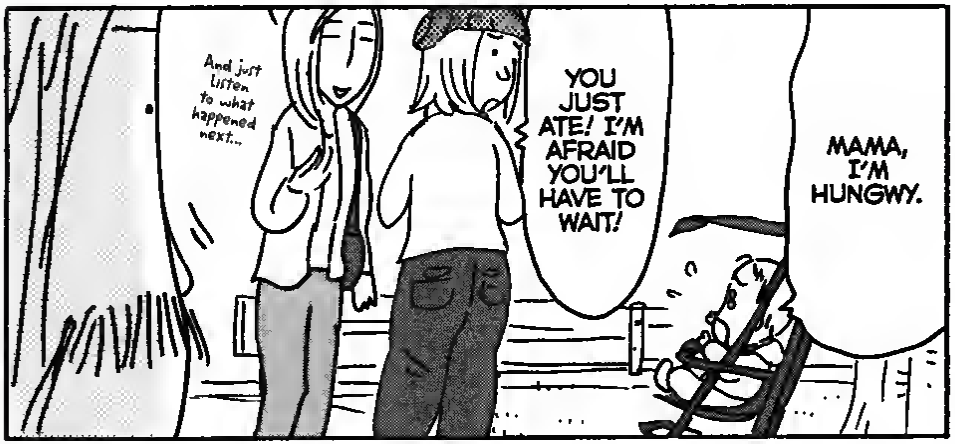
だっ
GRAB
ガッ
MUNCH
ガッ
MUNCH
MUNCH
ガッ

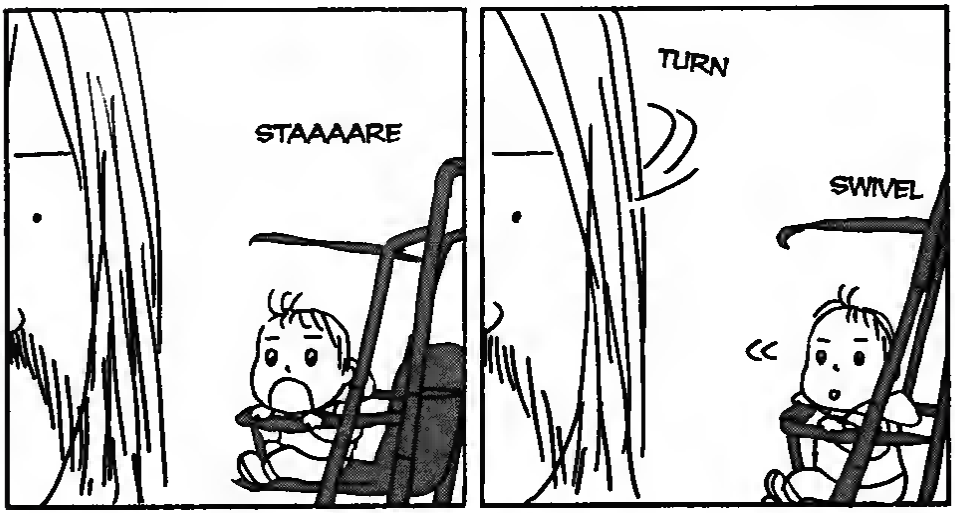


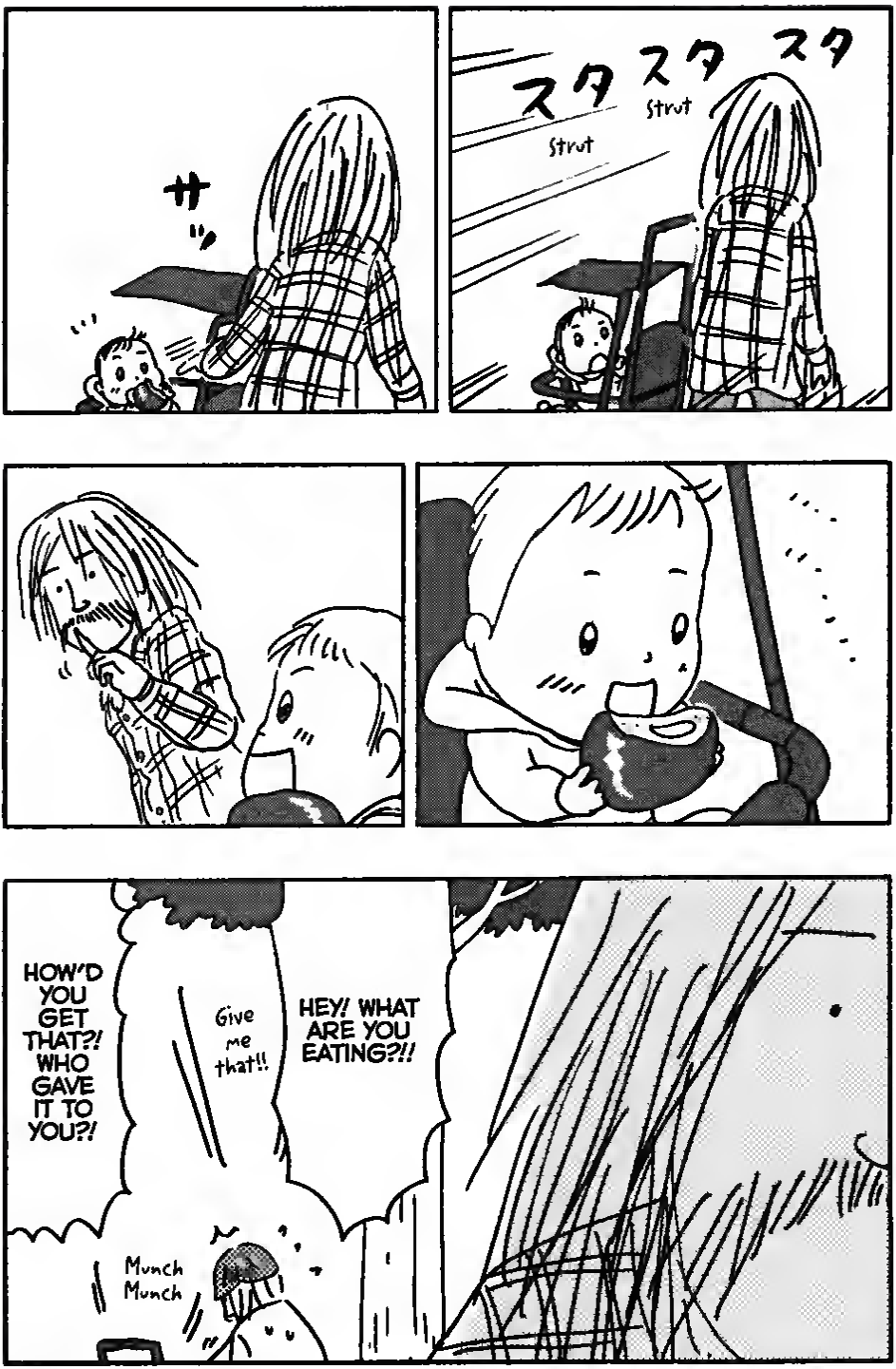
GROOOWL

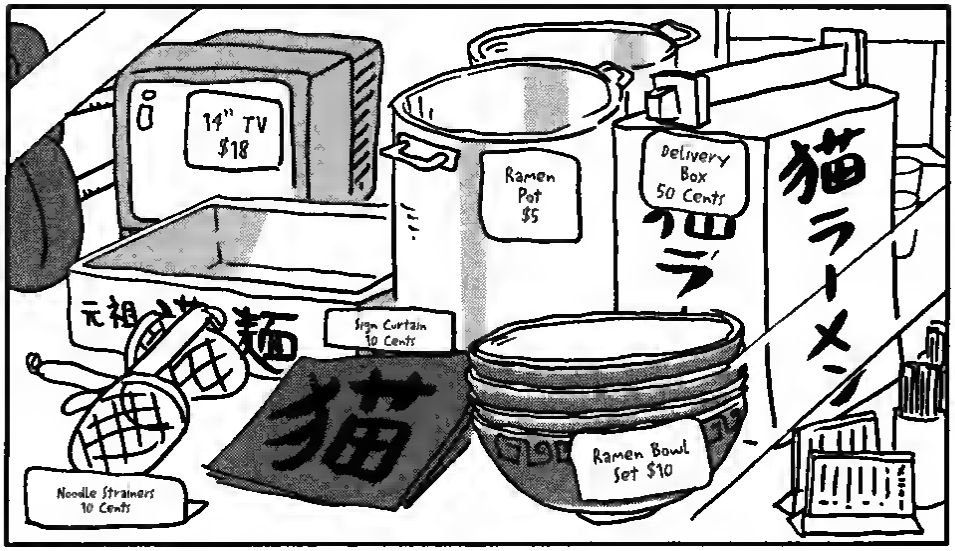

RUMBLE
GRUMBLE

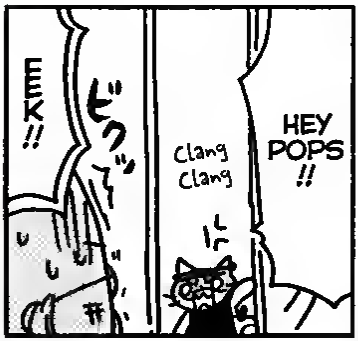

ガジガジ

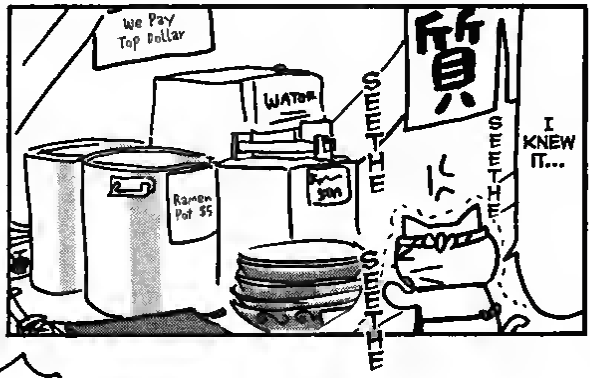

And just listen to what happened next...
YOU JUST ATE! I'M AFRAID YOU'LL HAVE TO WAIT!
MAMA, I'M HUNGWY.

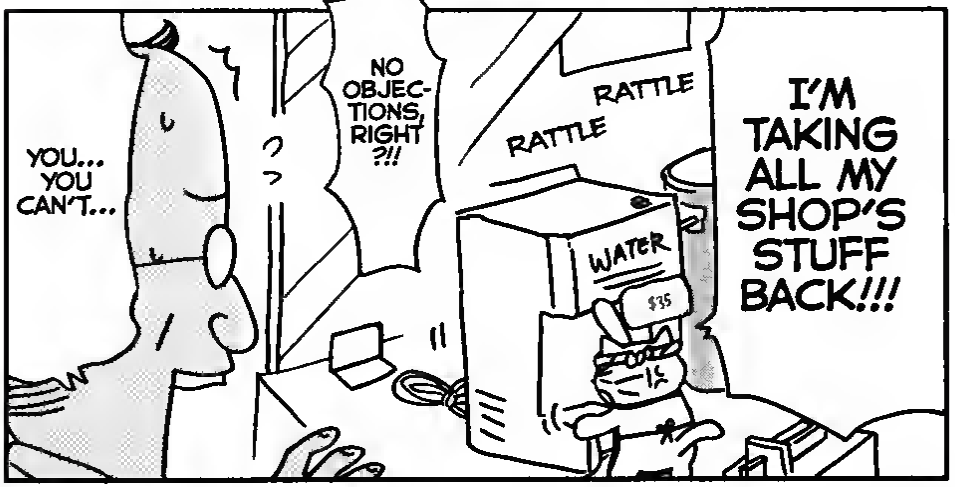

STAAAARE
TURN
SWIVEL


サッ
スタ スタ スタ
Strut
Strut
HOW'D YOU GET THAT?! WHO GAVE IT TO YOU?!
Give me that!!
HEY! WHAT ARE YOU EATING?!!
Munch Munch

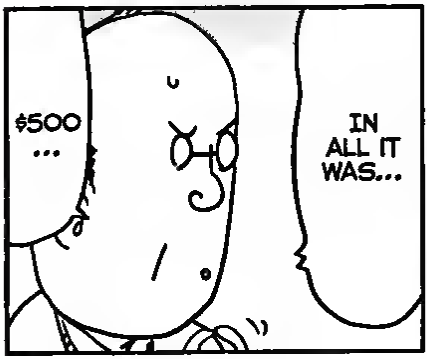

14" TV
$18
Ramen
Pot
$5
Delivery
Box
50 Cents
猫ラーメン
Sign Curtain
10 Cents
Ramen Bowl
Set $10
Noodle Strainers
10 Cents


EEK!!
ビクッ
Clang
Clang
HEY
POPS
!!

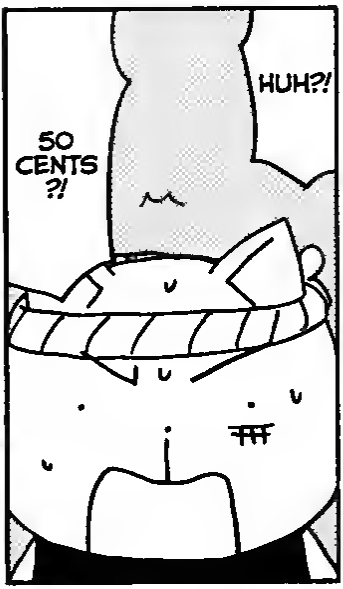

We Pay
Top Dollar
WATER
Ramen
Pot $5
質
SEETHE
SEETHE
SEETHE
I
KNEW
IT...

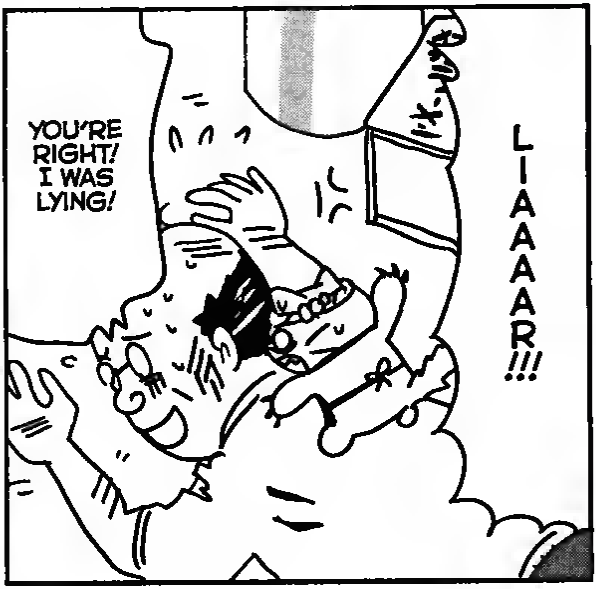

YOU...
YOU
CAN'T...
NO
OBJEC-
TIONS,
RIGHT
?!!
RATTLE
RATTLE
WATER
$35
I'M
TAKING
ALL MY
SHOP'S
STUFF
BACK!!!

SHIGE RIPPED ME OFF AGAIN!!
THAT'S MY MERCH-ANDISE...

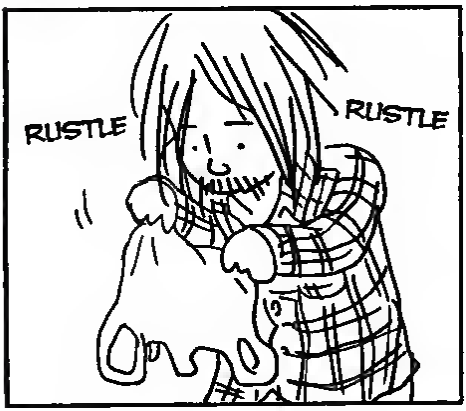

$500 ...
IN ALL IT WAS...

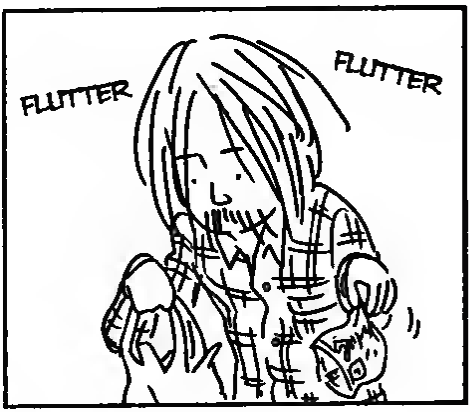
HOW MUCH?!
Rattle
Rattle
...BUT I PAID MONEY FOR THIS STUFF!
... WELL, EVEN SO...

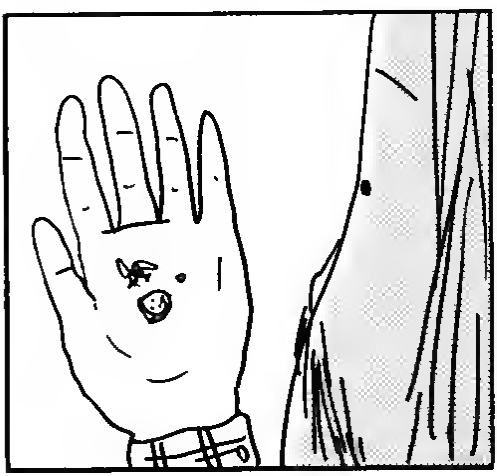

HUH?!
50 CENTS?!
That's it.?

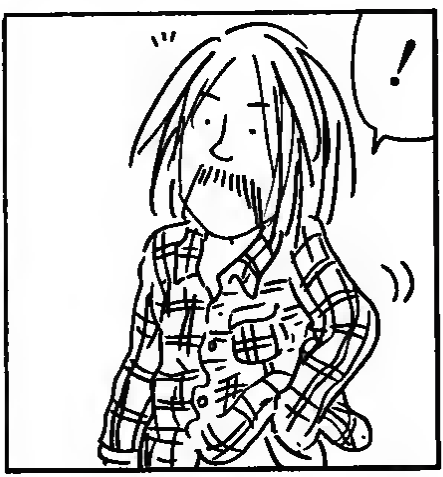

YOU'RE RIGHT! I WAS LYING!
LIAAAAR!!!

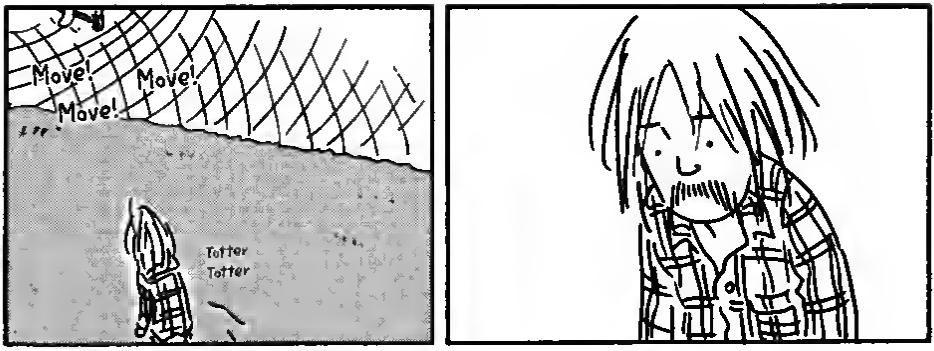
BAG=CREAM BREAD

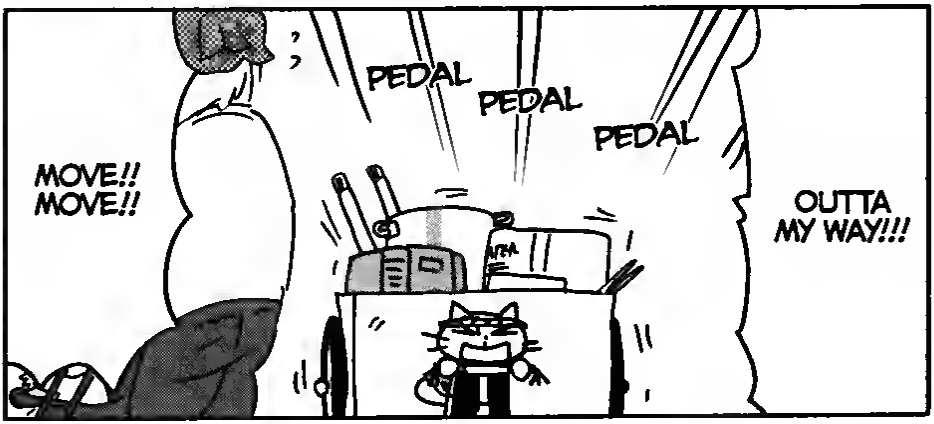


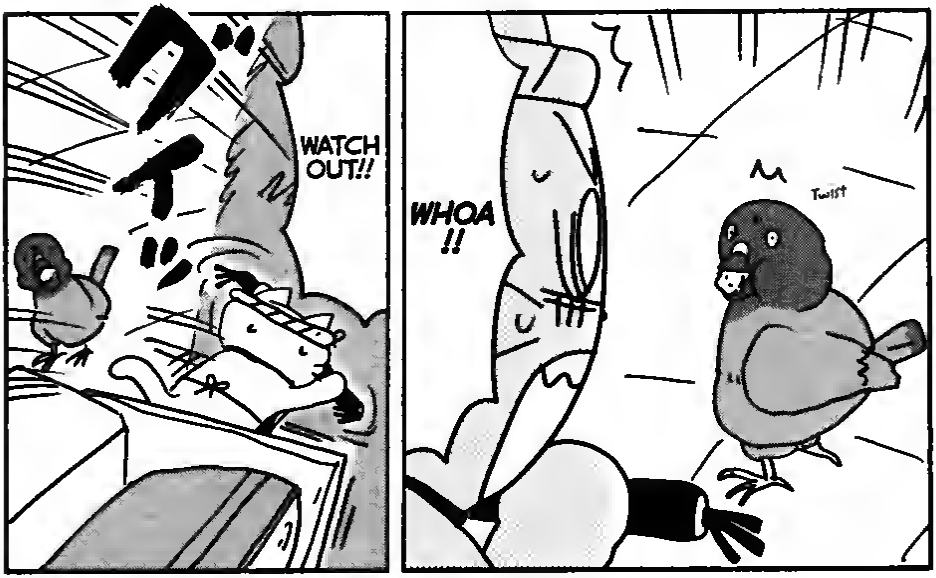







Move!
Move!
Move!
Totter
Totter


PEDAL
PEDAL
PEDAL
MOVE!!
MOVE!!
OUTTA
MY WAY!!!


WATCH
OUT!!
WHOA
!!
Twist

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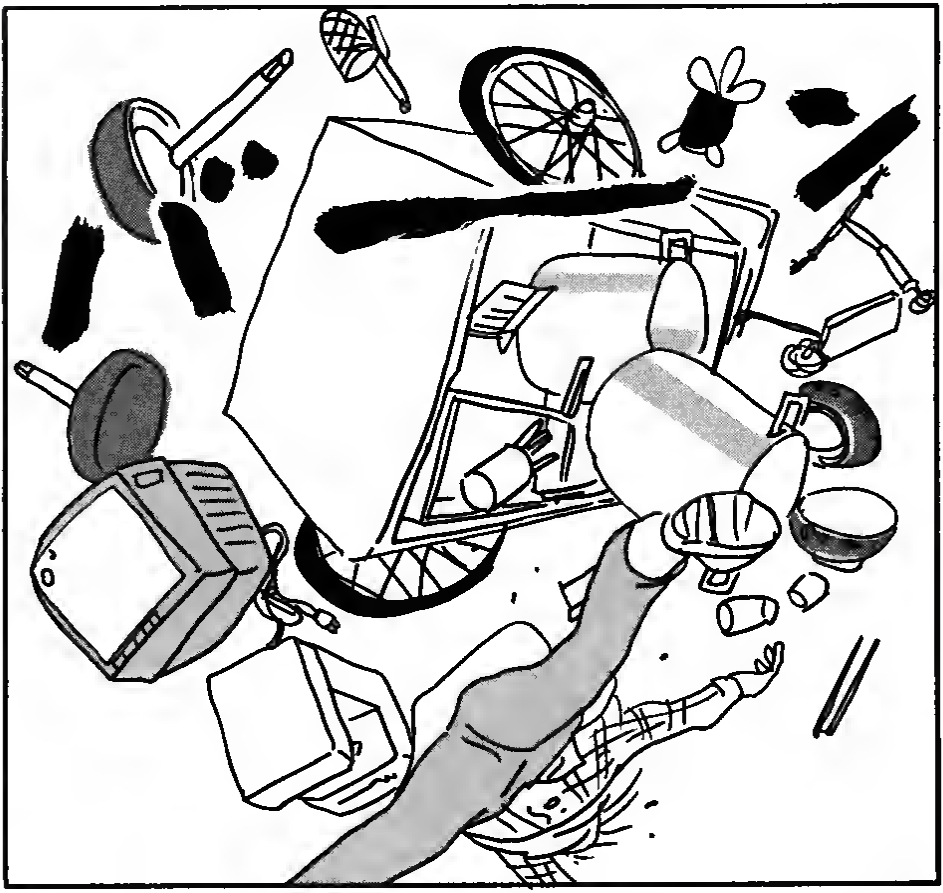

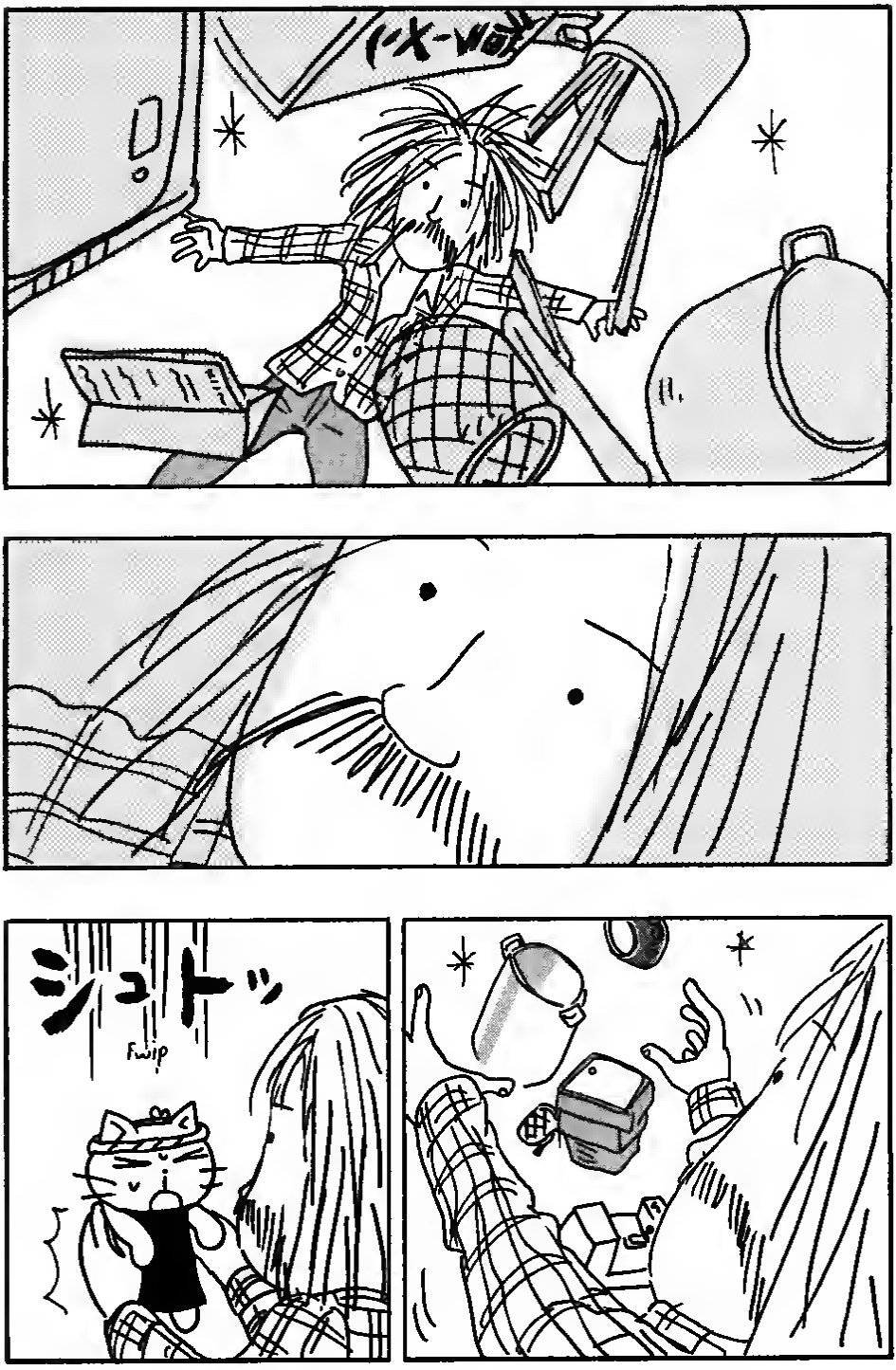
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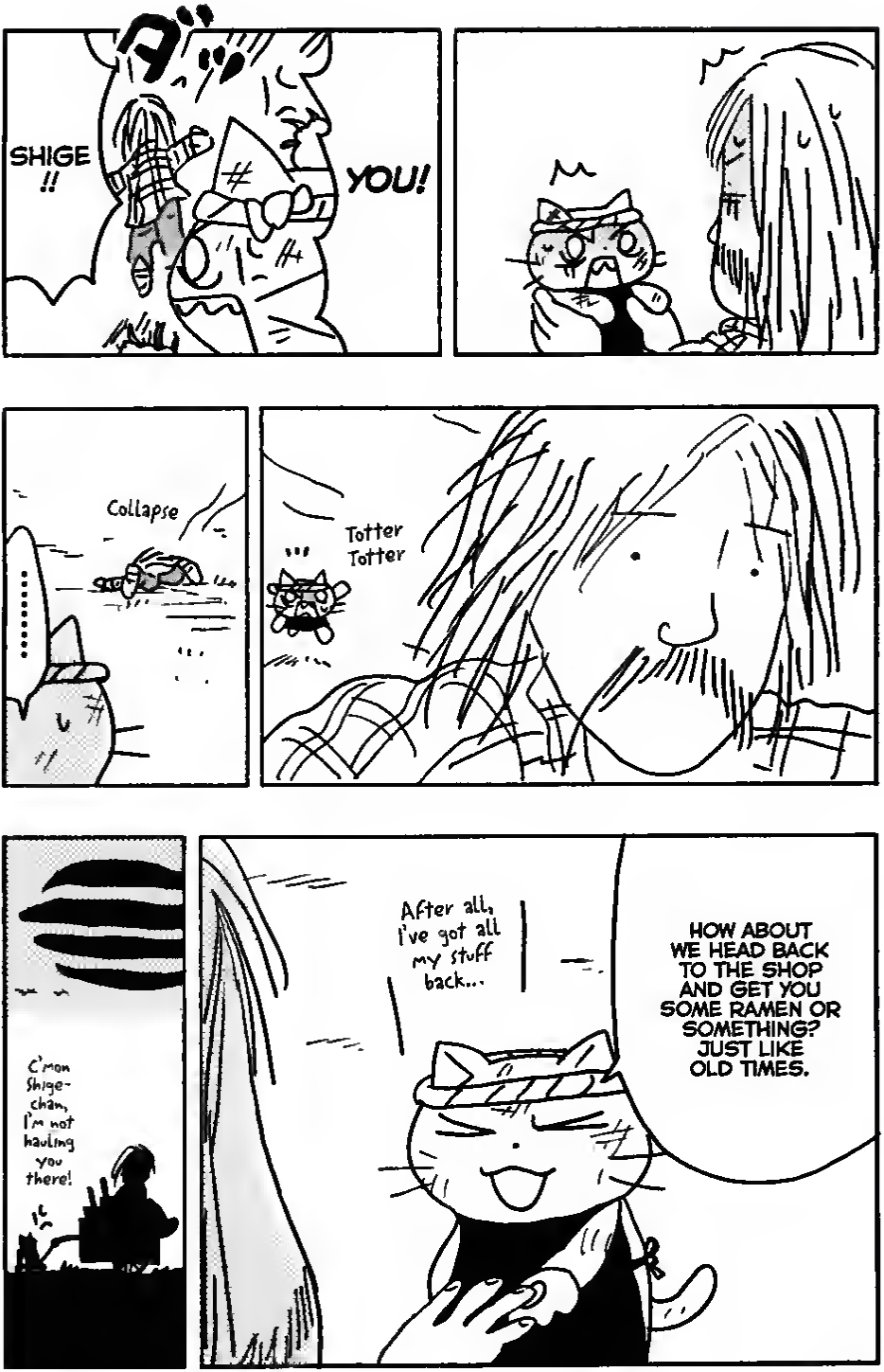
SHIGE !!
YOU!
Collapse
Totter Totter
C'mon Shige-chan, I'm not hauling you there!
After all, I've got all my stuff back...
HOW ABOUT WE HEAD BACK TO THE SHOP AND GET YOU SOME RAMEN OR SOMETHING? JUST LIKE OLD TIMES.

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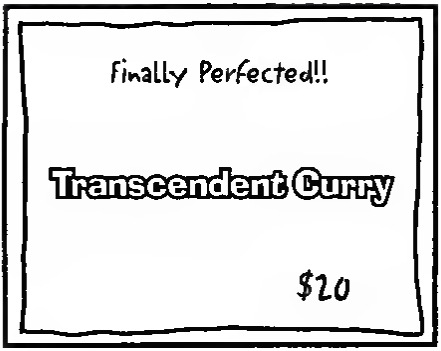
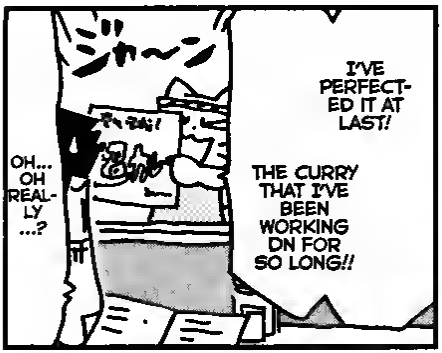
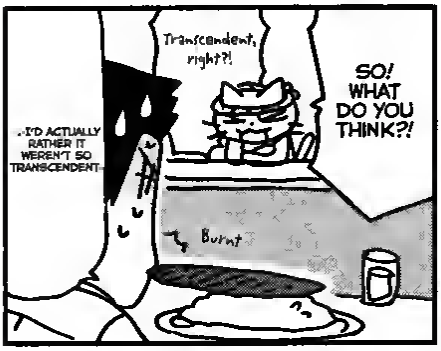
Neko Ramen's Neko Curry

Chapter 5

perfection







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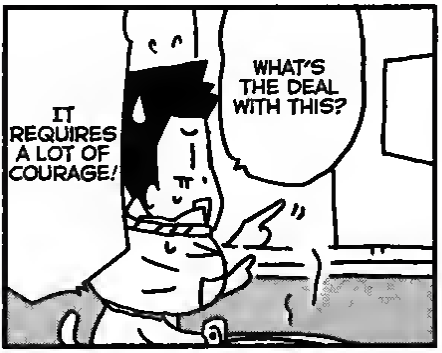

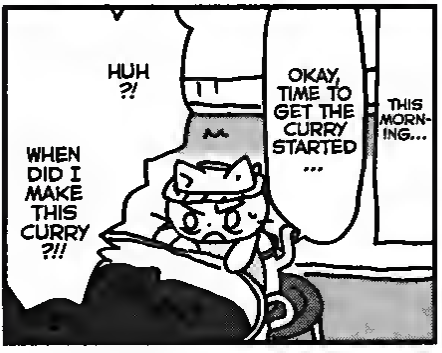

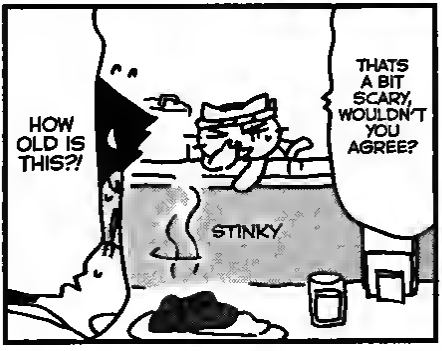

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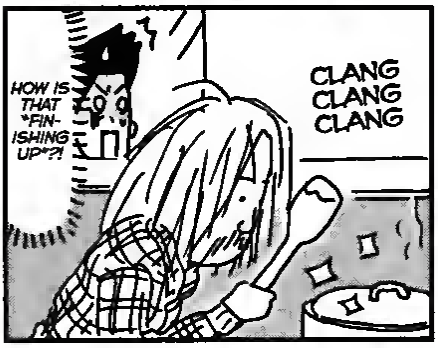

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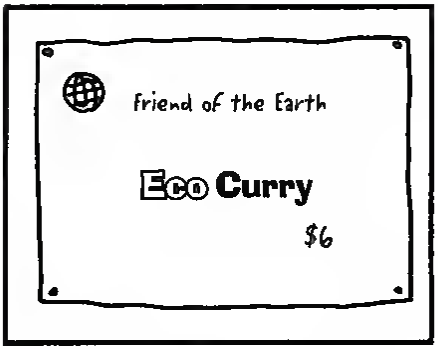

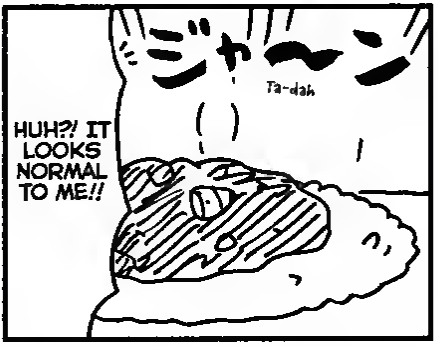

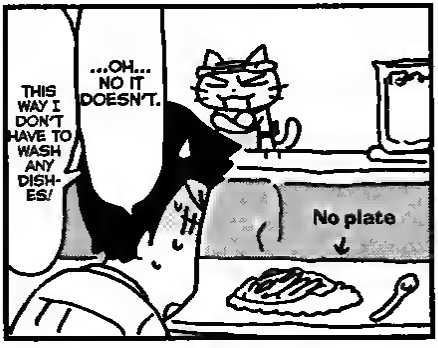

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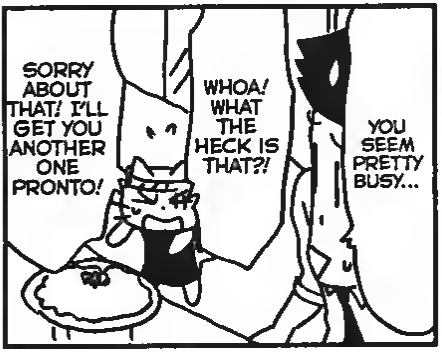
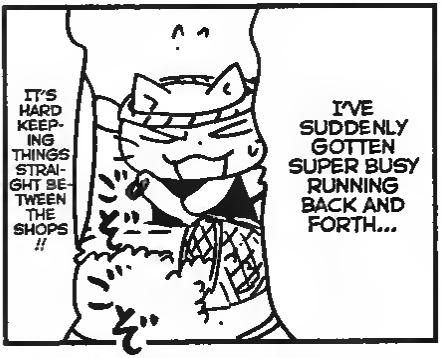
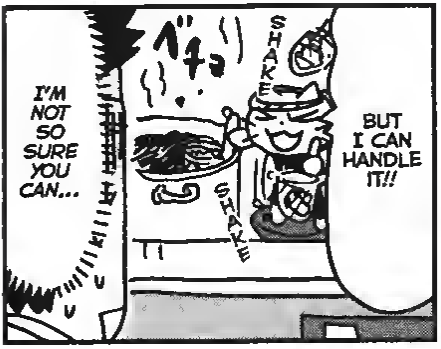
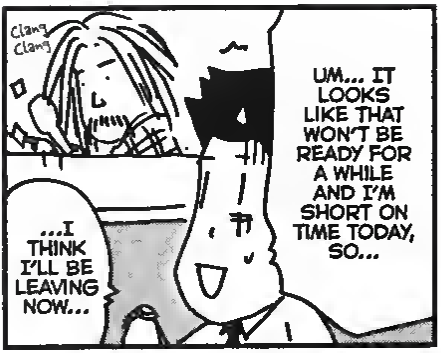
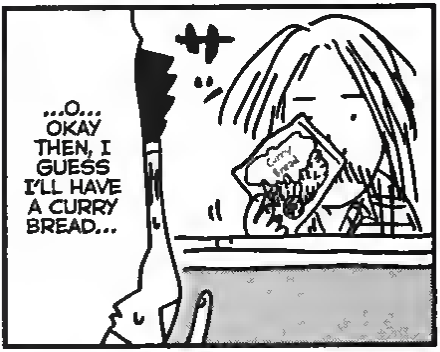


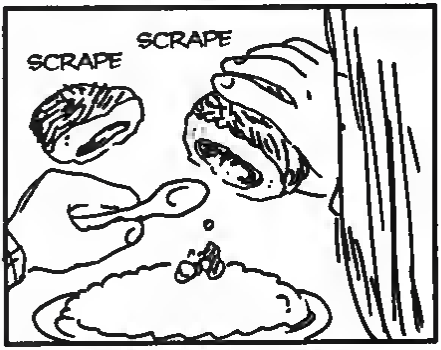


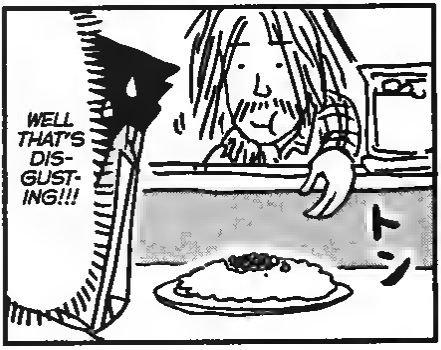


Curry Bread









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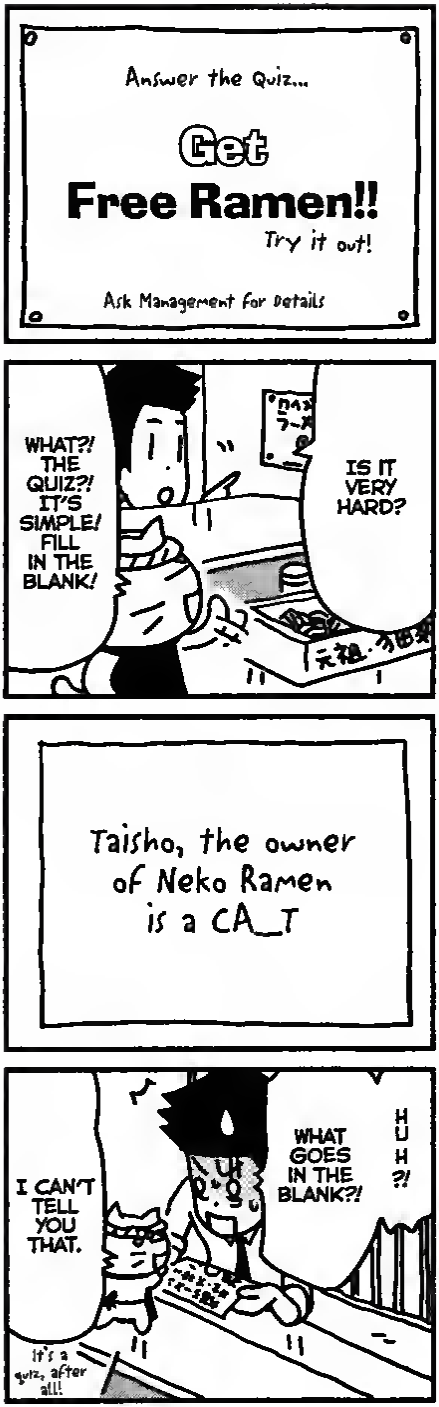
Answer the Quiz...
Get
Free Ramen!!
Try it out!
Ask Management for details
WHAT?! THE QUIZ?! IT'S SIMPLE! FILL IN THE BLANK!
IS IT VERY HARD?
Taisho, the owner of Neko Ramen is a CA_T
I CAN'T TELL YOU THAT.
WHAT GOES IN THE BLANK?!
HUH?!
it's a quiz, after all!

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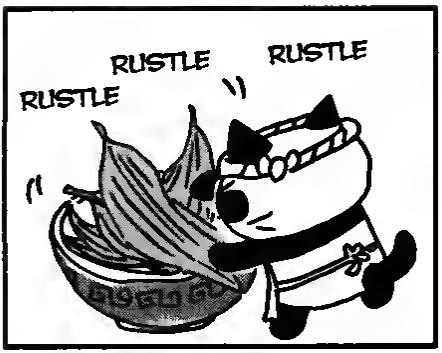
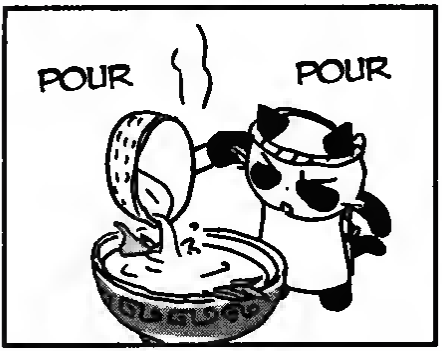
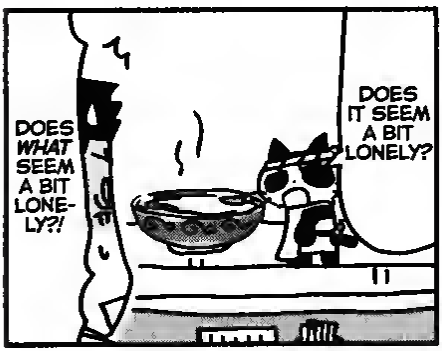
Chapter 20

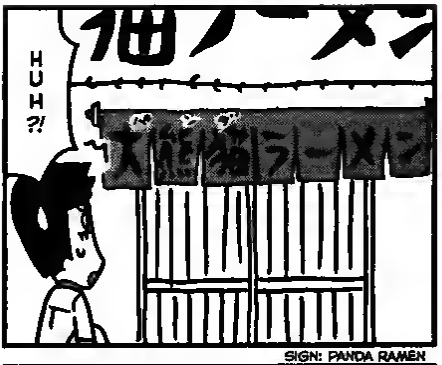
Lonely



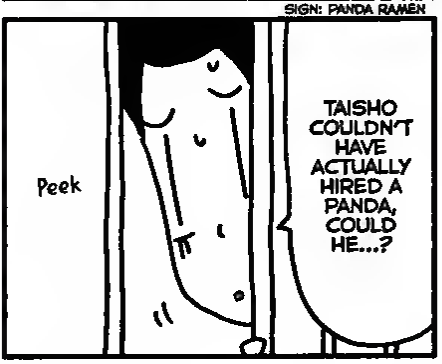


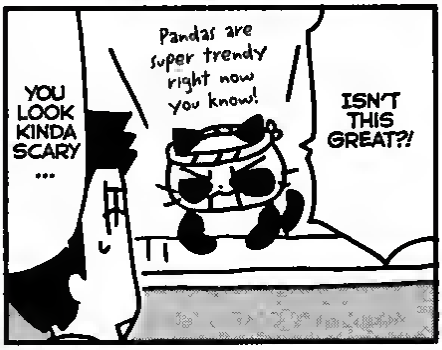


Panda Ramen

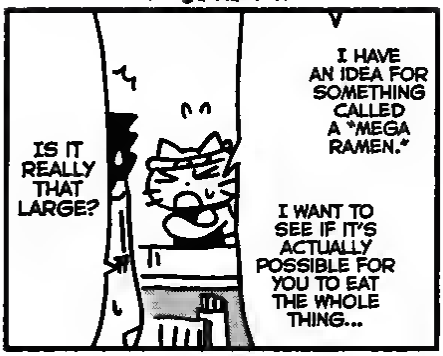


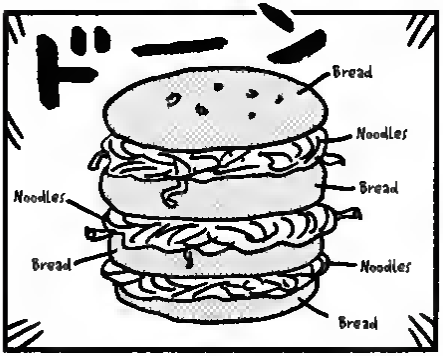
SIGN: PANDA RAMEN

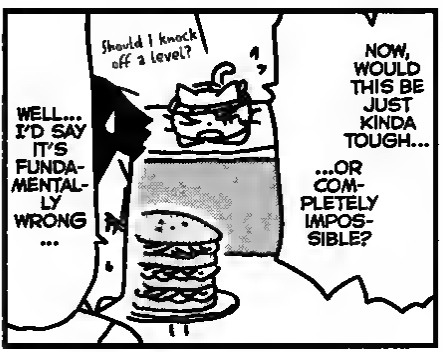


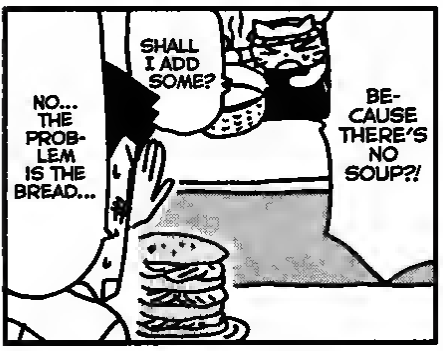


Mega Ramen

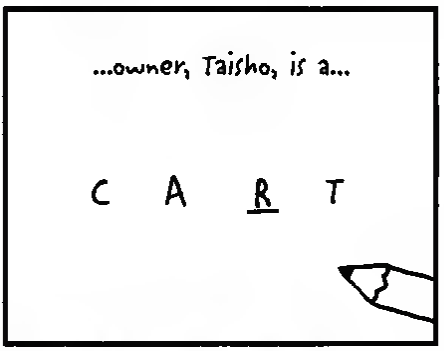

I HAVE AN IDEA FOR SOMETHING CALLED A "MEGA RAMEN."
IS IT REALLY THAT LARGE?
I WANT TO SEE IF IT'S ACTUALLY POSSIBLE FOR YOU TO EAT THE WHOLE THING...




Should I knock off a level?
WELL... I'D SAY IT'S FUNDA-MENTAL-LY WRONG ...
NOW, WOULD THIS BE JUST KINDA TOUGH...
...OR COM-PLETELY IMPOS-SIBLE?



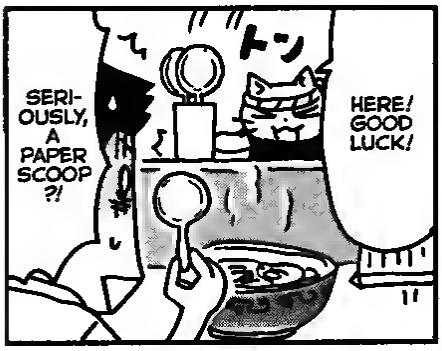
Easy

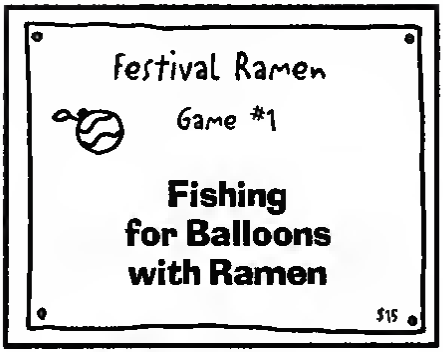


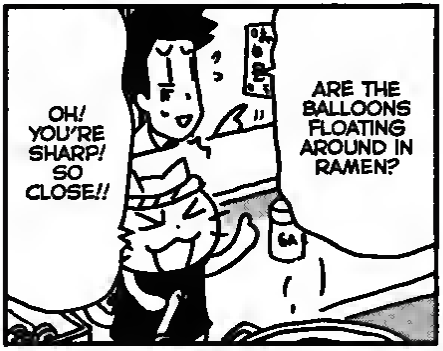
Festival Ramen
Game #2
Scoop and Eat
Scooping for Goldfish Ramen
$10

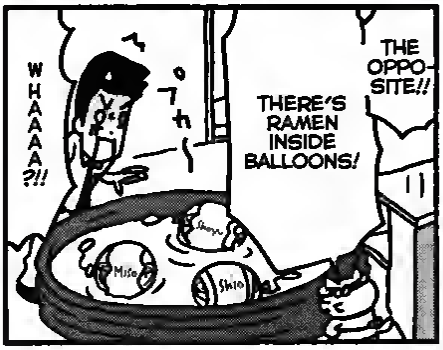
...I CAN'T EVEN IMAGINE WHAT THIS IS...

OF COURSE NOT!
YOU'RE SO FUNNY!!
DON'T TELL ME THERE ARE GOLDFISH IN THE RAMEN...


SERI-OUSLY, A PAPER SCOOP ?!
HERE! GOOD LUCK!

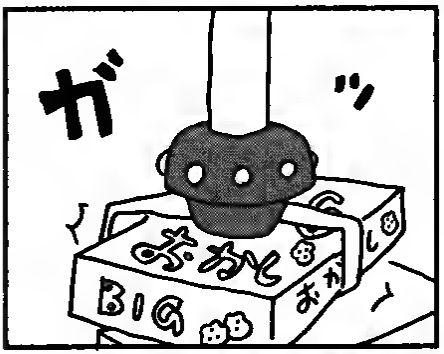

Festival Ramen
Game #1
Fishing for Balloons with Ramen
$15

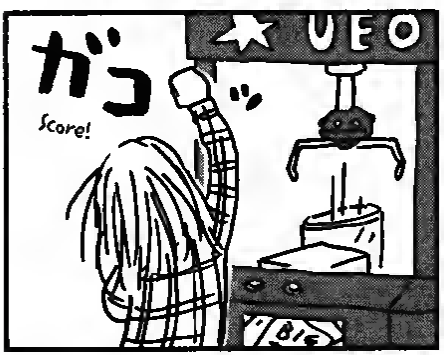

OH! YOU'RE SHARP! SO CLOSE!!
ARE THE BALLOONS FLOATING AROUND IN RAMEN?

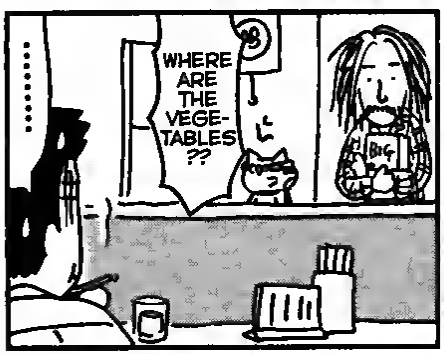

WHAAAA?!!
THERE'S RAMEN INSIDE BALLOONS!
THE OPPO-SITE!!

HOW DO I EAT THIS?!
GOOD LUCK!!
THAT ONE'S SHOYU!

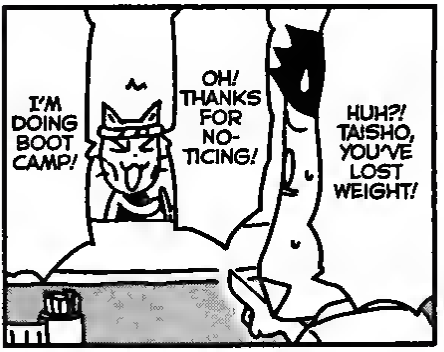
Big Cookies

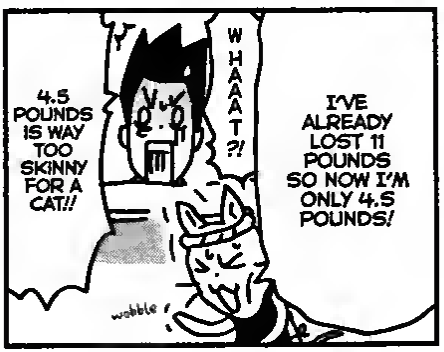




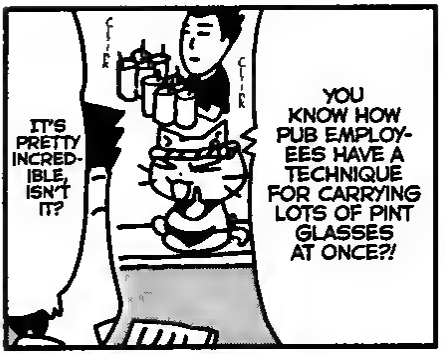


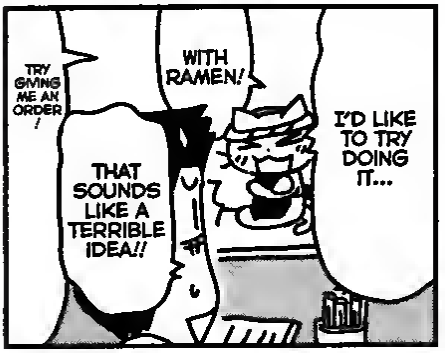
Boot Camp

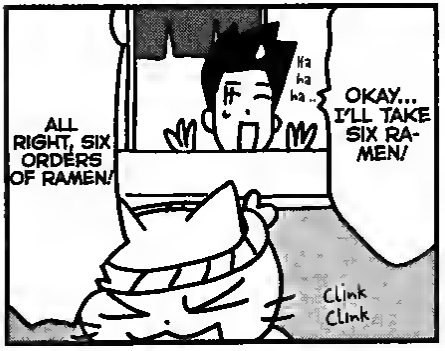


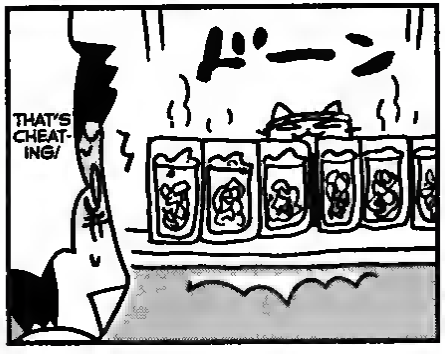


Pint Glasses


CLINK
CLINK
IT'S PRETTY INCREDIBLE, ISN'T IT?
YOU KNOW HOW PUB EMPLOYEES HAVE A TECHNIQUE FOR CARRYING LOTS OF PINT GLASSES AT ONCE?!







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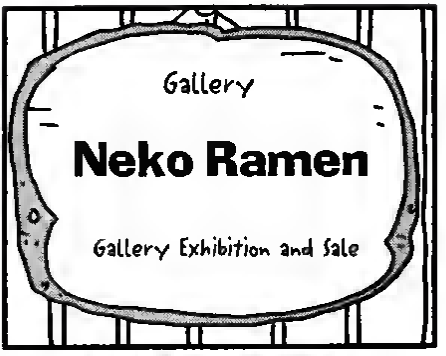
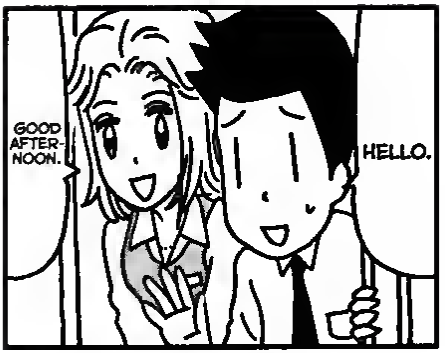
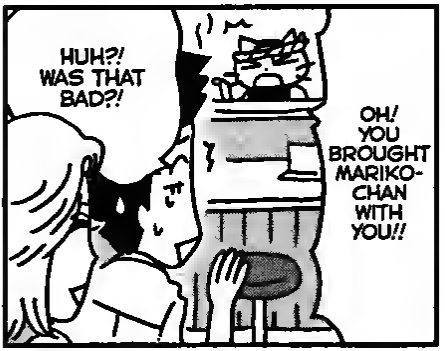
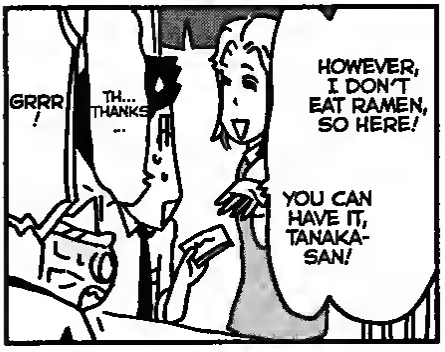
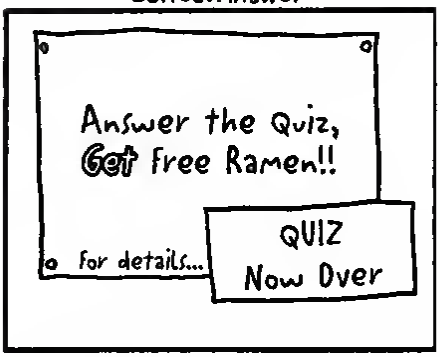


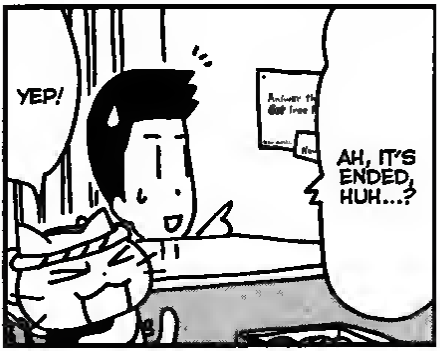

GOOD AFTER-NOON.
HELLO.


HUH?! WAS THAT BAD?!
OH! YOU BROUGHT MARIKO-CHAN WITH YOU!!

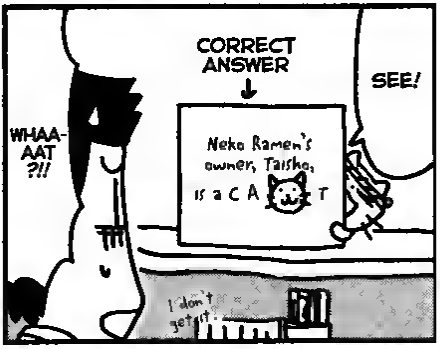
Yay!
WHA?! MARIKO-CHAN ANSWER-ED IT?!
HERE! A COUPON FOR A FREE RAMEN SINCE YOU ANSWERED THE QUIZ CORRECTLY!


GRRR !
TH... THANKS ...
HOWEVER, I DON'T EAT RAMEN, SO HERE!
YOU CAN HAVE IT, TANAKA-SAN!


Answer the Quiz, Get Free Ramen!!
for details...
QUIZ Now Over


YEP!
AH, IT'S ENDED, HUH...?

REALLY?!
SOMEONE FINALLY ANSWERED IT CORRECT-LY!


CORRECT ANSWER
SEE!
WHAA-AAT ?!!
Neko Ramen's owner, Taisho, is a CAT
I don't get it!

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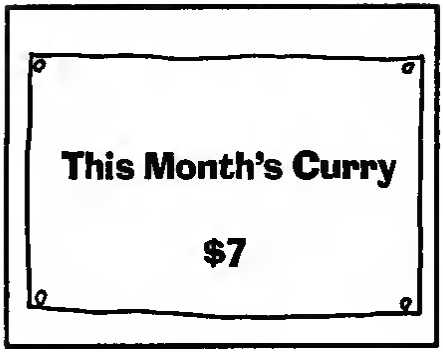
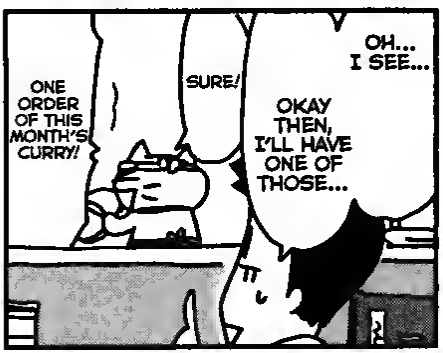
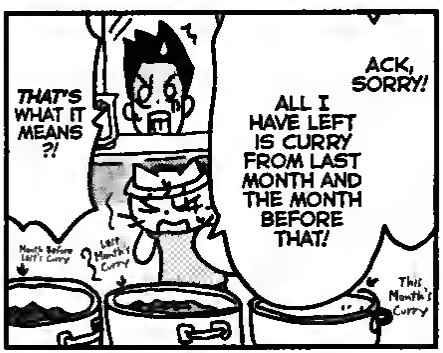
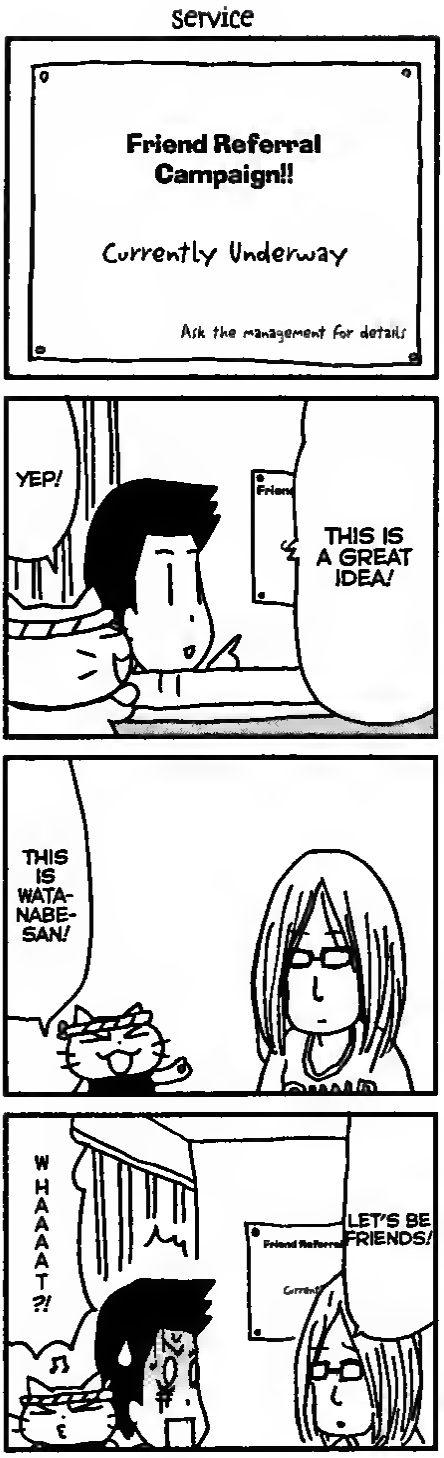
Neko Ramen's Neko Curry






THAT'S WHAT IT MEANS ?!
ALL I HAVE LEFT IS CURRY FROM LAST MONTH AND THE MONTH BEFORE THAT!
ACK, SORRY!
Month Before Last's Curry
Last Month's Curry
This Month's Curry

Bit by bit I'm coming to understand curry!



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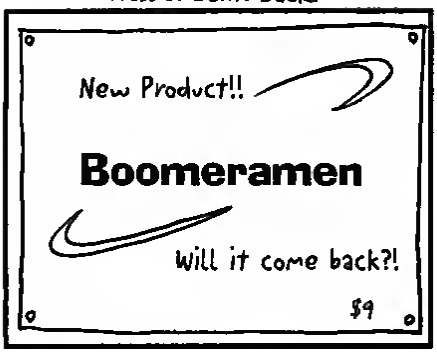
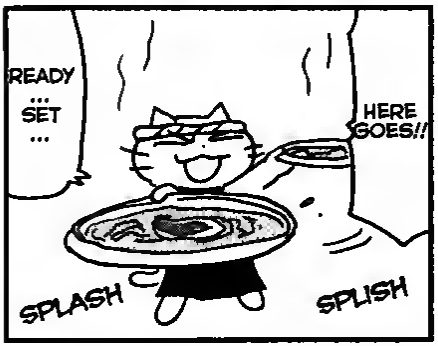
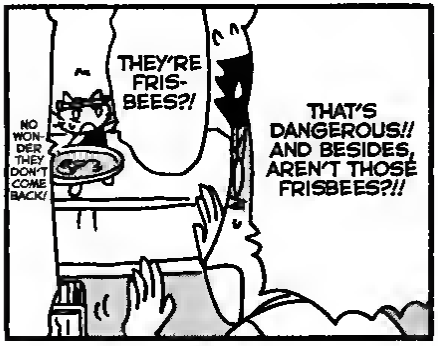
Chapter 21

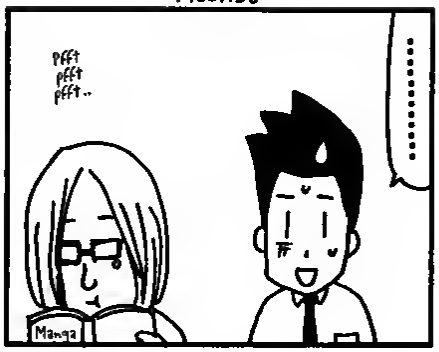
Will it Come Back?

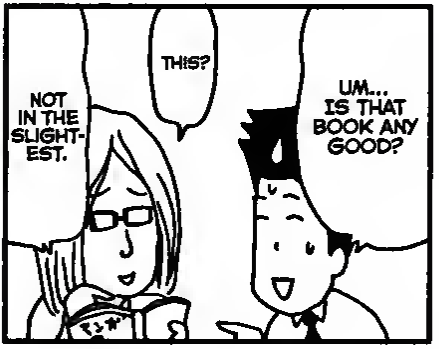


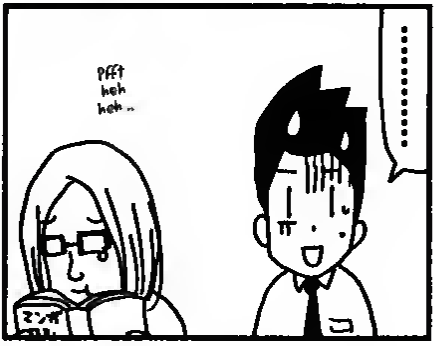




Friends







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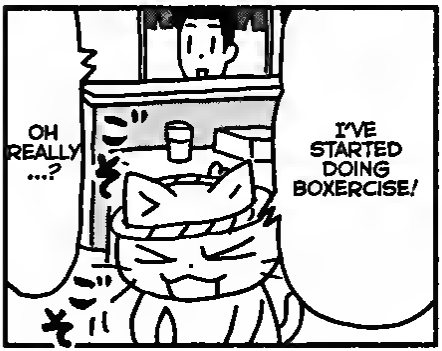
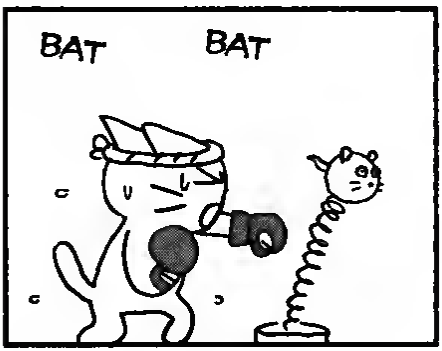
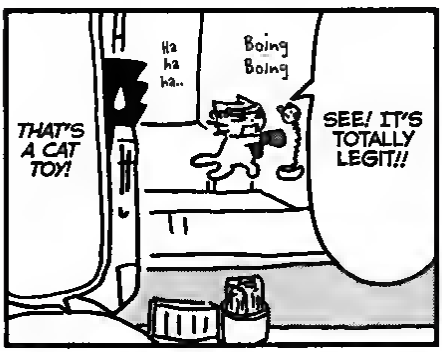
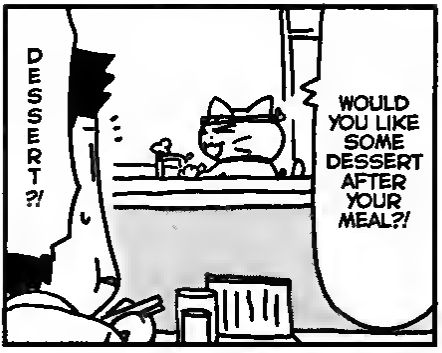
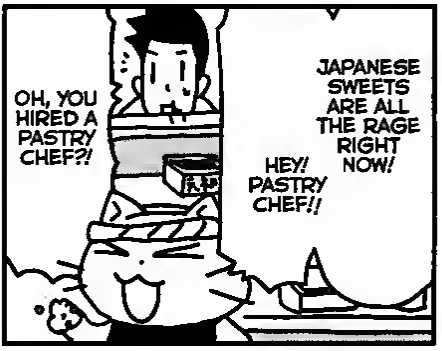


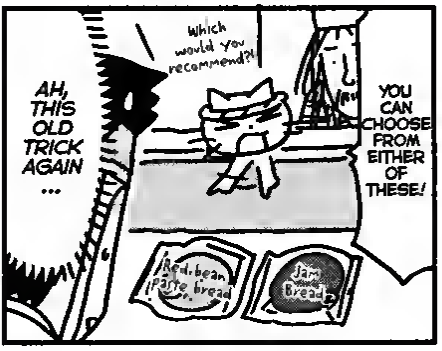




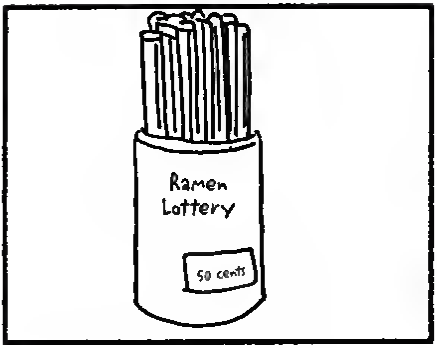
Pastry Chef



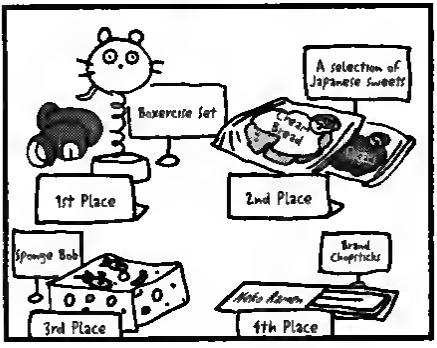




Ramen Lottery



YOU CAN WIN SOME PRETTY GREAT STUFF!
For 50 cents!
I'M HAVING EVERYONE WHO ORDERS RAMEN PICK A CHOPSTICK!
REALLY?!
Rattle Rattle



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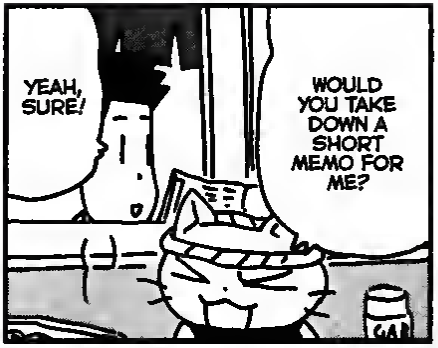

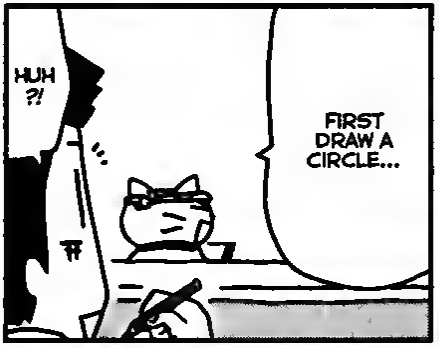

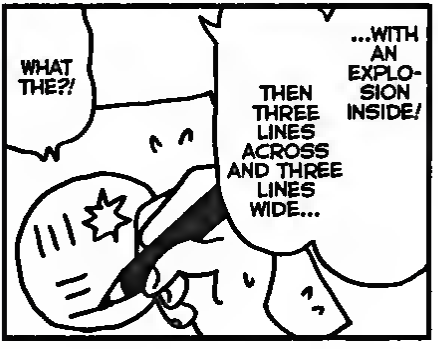

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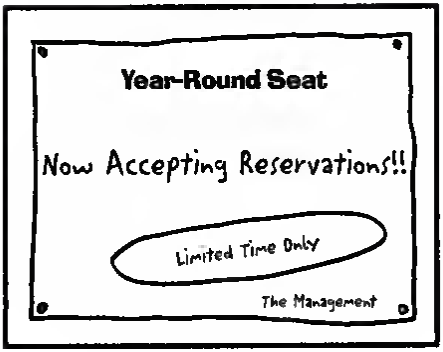
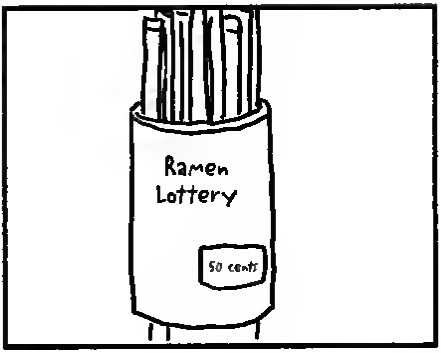
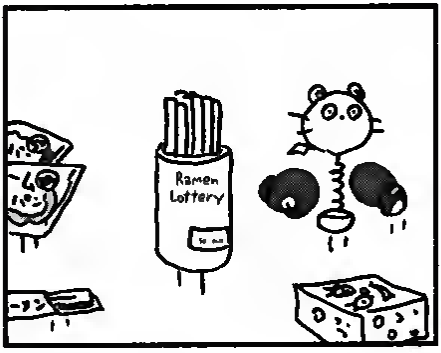
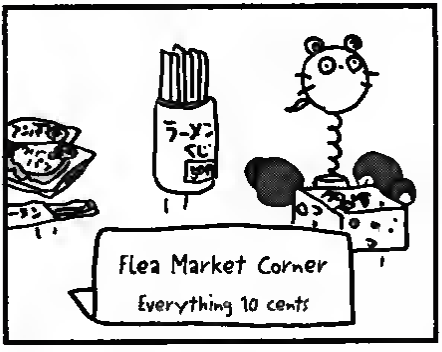
Year-Round Seat



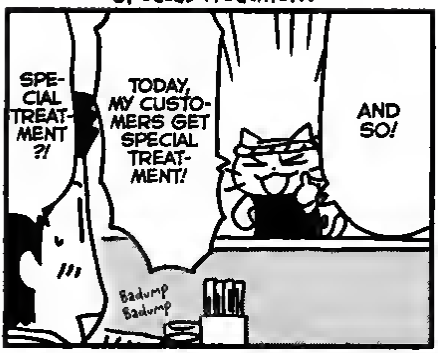
Waste

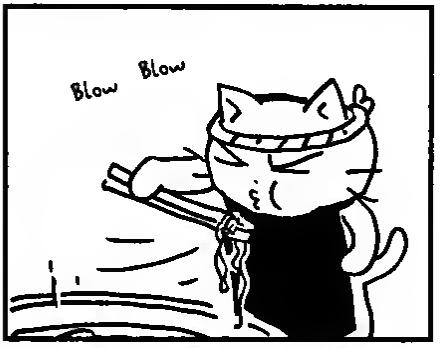




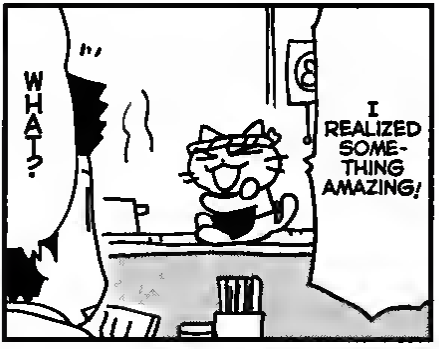


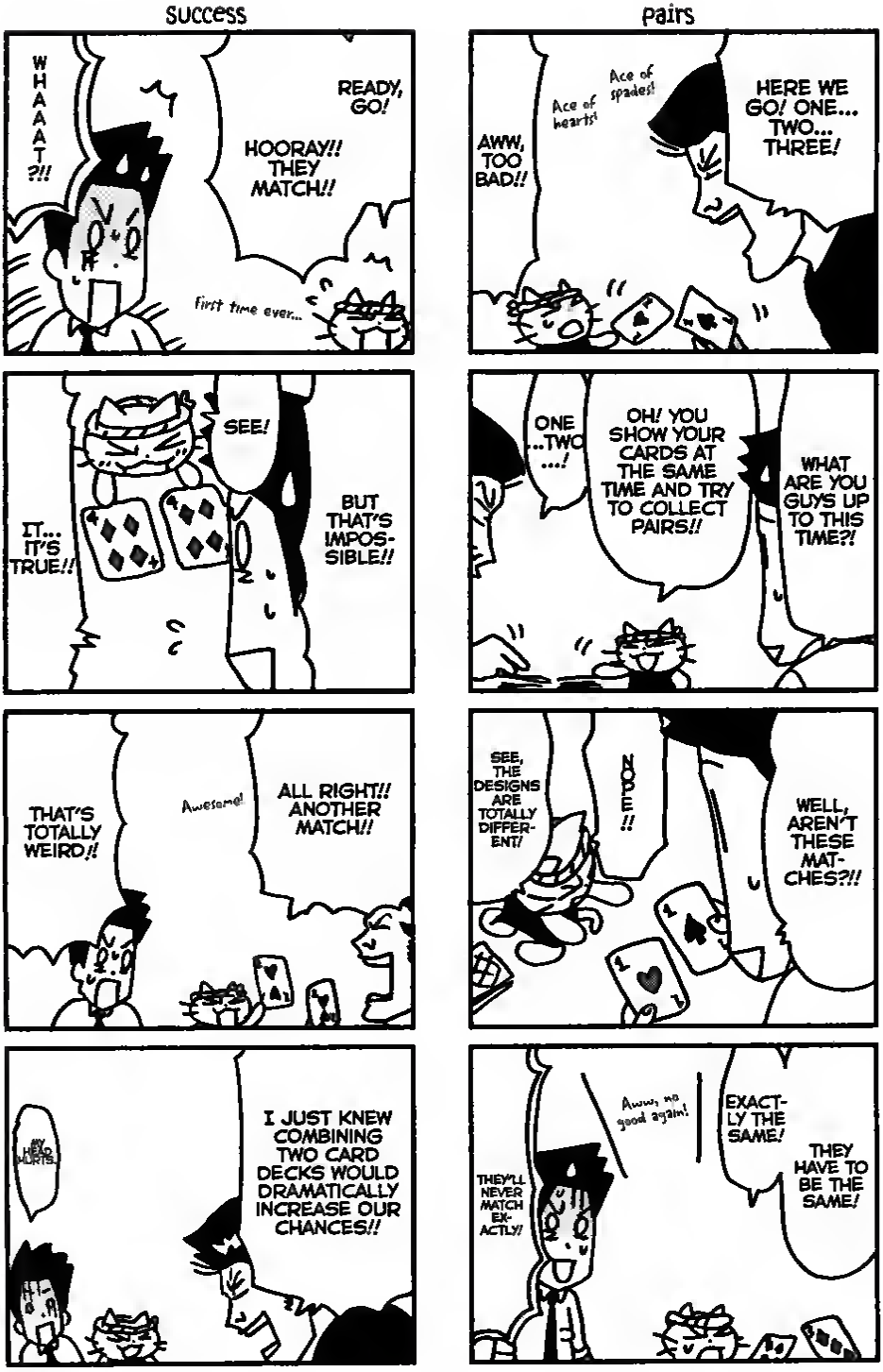
Special Treatment





Customers




success
WHAAAAT?!!
READY, GO!
HOORAY!! THEY MATCH!!
first time ever...
pairs
Ace of hearts!
Ace of spades!
AWW, TOO BAD!!
HERE WE GO! ONE... TWO... THREE!
SEE!
IT... IT'S TRUE!!
BUT THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE!!
ONE ...TWO ....!
OH! YOU SHOW YOUR CARDS AT THE SAME TIME AND TRY TO COLLECT PAIRS!!
WHAT ARE YOU GUYS UP TO THIS TIME?!
THAT'S TOTALLY WEIRD!!
Awesome!
ALL RIGHT!! ANOTHER MATCH!!
SEE, THE DESIGNS ARE TOTALLY DIFFERENT!
NOPE!!
WELL, AREN'T THESE MATCHES?!!
MY HEAD HURTS.
I JUST KNEW COMBINING TWO CARD DECKS WOULD DRAMATICALLY INCREASE OUR CHANCES!!
Awww, no good again!
EXACTLY THE SAME!
THEY HAVE TO BE THE SAME!
THEY'LL NEVER MATCH EXACTLY!

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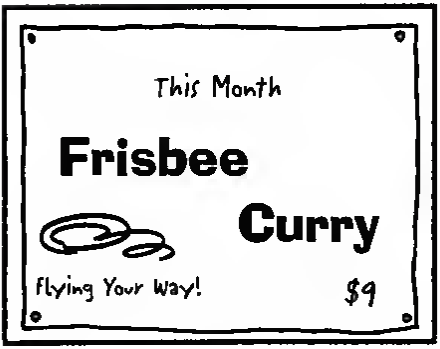
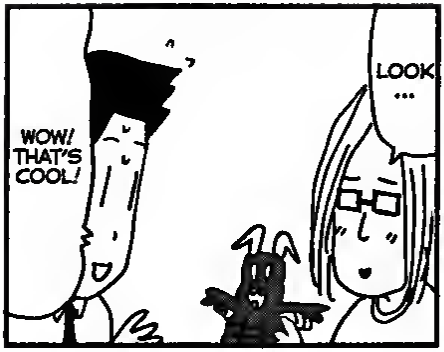
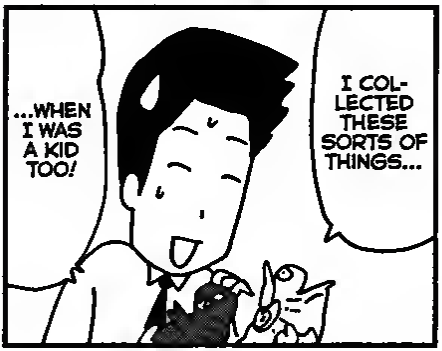
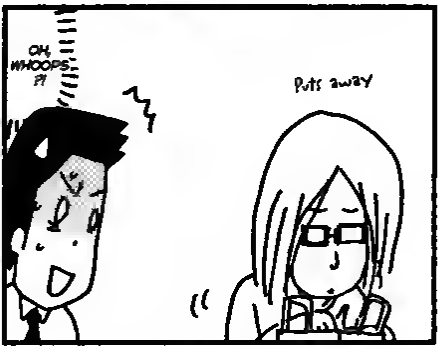
Neko Ramen's Neko Curry

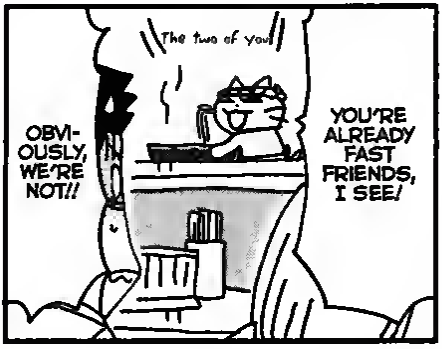


Fast Friends









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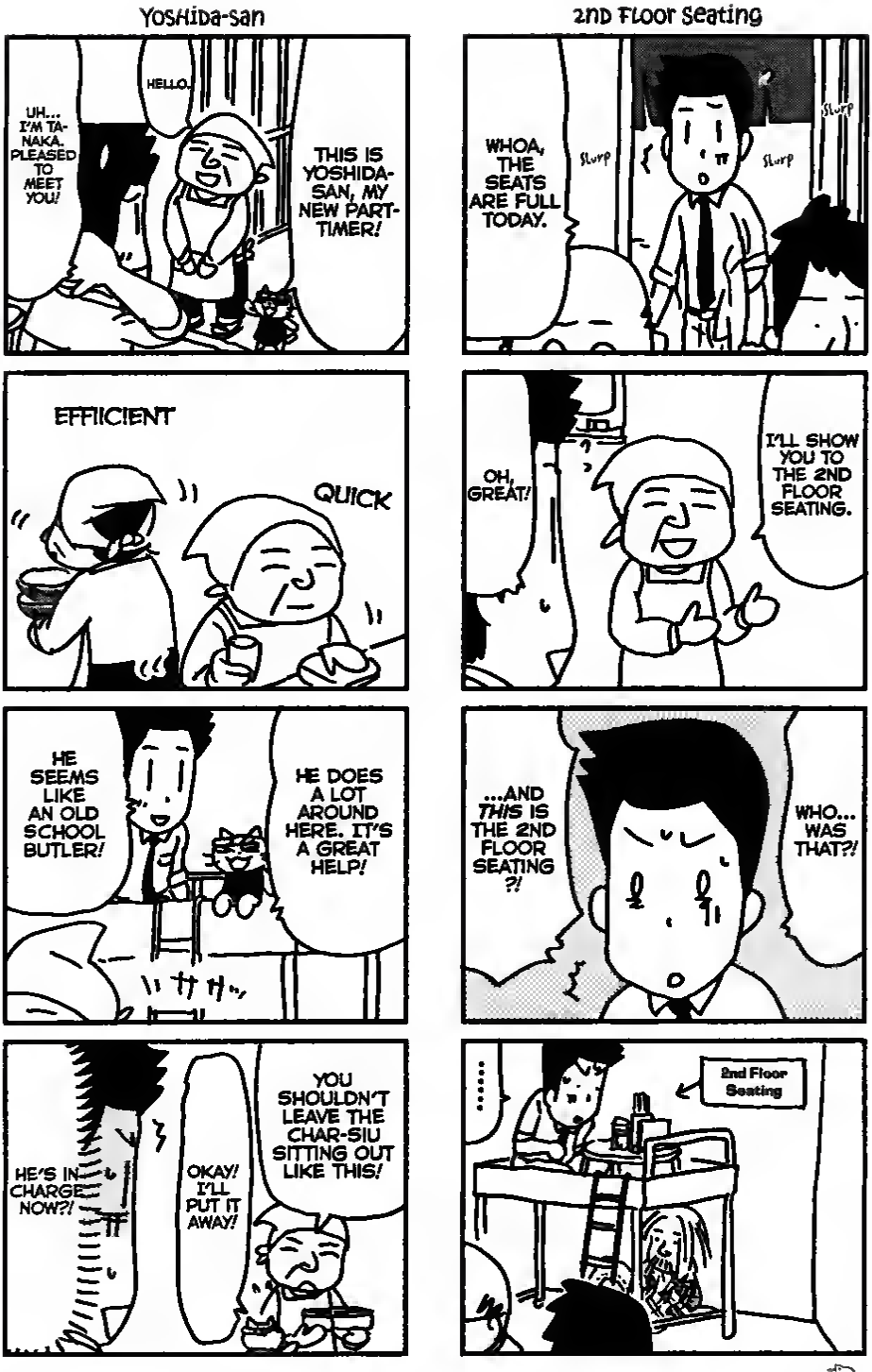
Chapter 22


Yoshida-san
2nd Floor Seating
HELLO.
UH... I'M TANAKA. PLEASED TO MEET YOU!
THIS IS YOSHIDA-SAN, MY NEW PART-TIMER!
WHOA, THE SEATS ARE FULL TODAY.
Slurp
Slurp
Slurp
EFFICIENT
QUICK
OH, GREAT!
I'LL SHOW YOU TO THE 2ND FLOOR SEATING.
HE SEEMS LIKE AN OLD SCHOOL BUTLER!
HE DOES A LOT AROUND HERE. IT'S A GREAT HELP!
...AND THIS IS THE 2ND FLOOR SEATING ?!
WHO... WAS THAT?!
HE'S IN CHARGE NOW?!
OKAY! I'LL PUT IT AWAY!
YOU SHOULDN'T LEAVE THE CHAR-SIU SITTING OUT LIKE THIS!
2nd Floor Seating

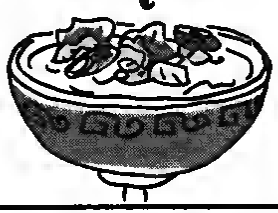
THIS IS YOSHIDA-STYLE

Cheap Because It's Made With Leftovers

Yoshida-Style Simple Ramen

$4.50

Leftover vegetables, cooked briefly



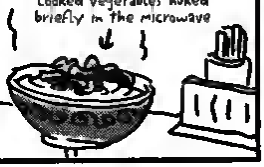
Briefly Microwaved

Yoshida-Style Nuked Ramen

$2

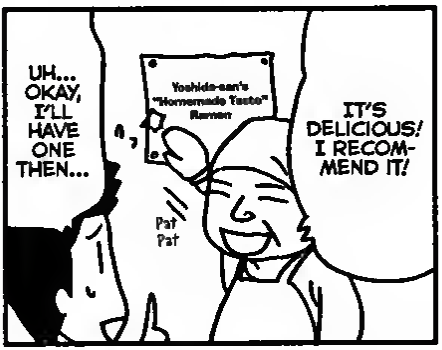
...THIS IS GETTING MORE DISGUSTING BY THE DAY...

Yesterday's leftover cooked vegetables nuked briefly in the microwave



HOMEMADE TASTE

UH... OKAY, I'LL HAVE ONE THEN...



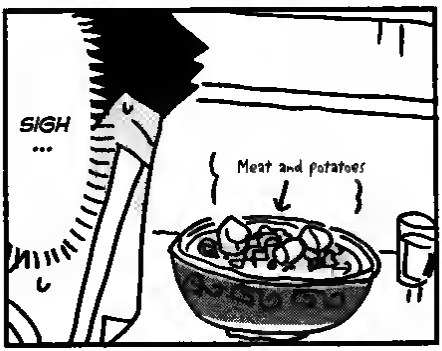
HOMEMADE TASTE

Yoshida-san's "Homemade Taste" Ramen

$6

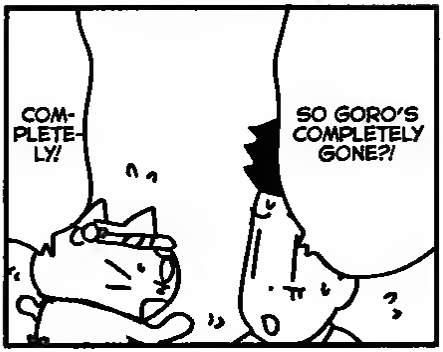
SIGH ...

Meat and potatoes

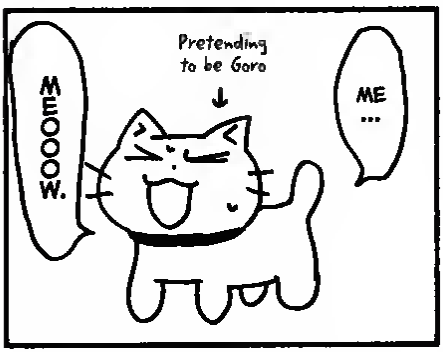


Miracle Man
Didn't Notice
HELLO!!
OH! TETZ!
ROLL
Watanabe-san
Rustle
Rattle
AWE-SOME!!
WHOA! IT'S MIRACLE MONSTER Q!
WELL... WE STILL HAVEN'T REALLY HIT IT OFF YET...
SO, ARE YOU TWO BEST FRIENDS YET?
GO! MIRACLE CUTTER!!
Squeak
Squeak
OH! THE FIRST GENER-ATION MIRACLE MAN!
OH REALLY?
WELL, I GUESS IT'S BECAUSE SHE'S RELATIVELY SHY...
SO THAT'S HOW IT'S DONE!
WOW!! AMA-ZING!!
So cool!!
I HAVE THE SECOND GENER-ATION ONE TOO.
HUH? YOU DIDN'T NOTICE?
WHAT?! WATANABE-SAN'S A WOMAN?!

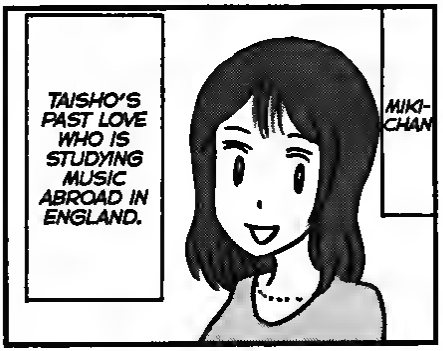
Substitution Strategy

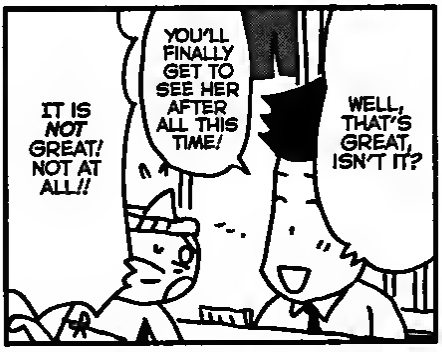


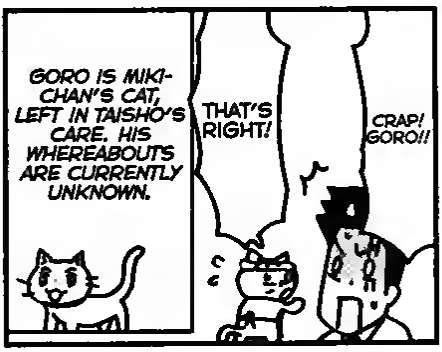
THE WORST CASE SCENARIO IS THAT I'LL HAVE TO USE THE SUBSTITUTION STRATEGY!!
WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO?!
THE SUBSTI-
TUTION
STRA-
TEGY?!

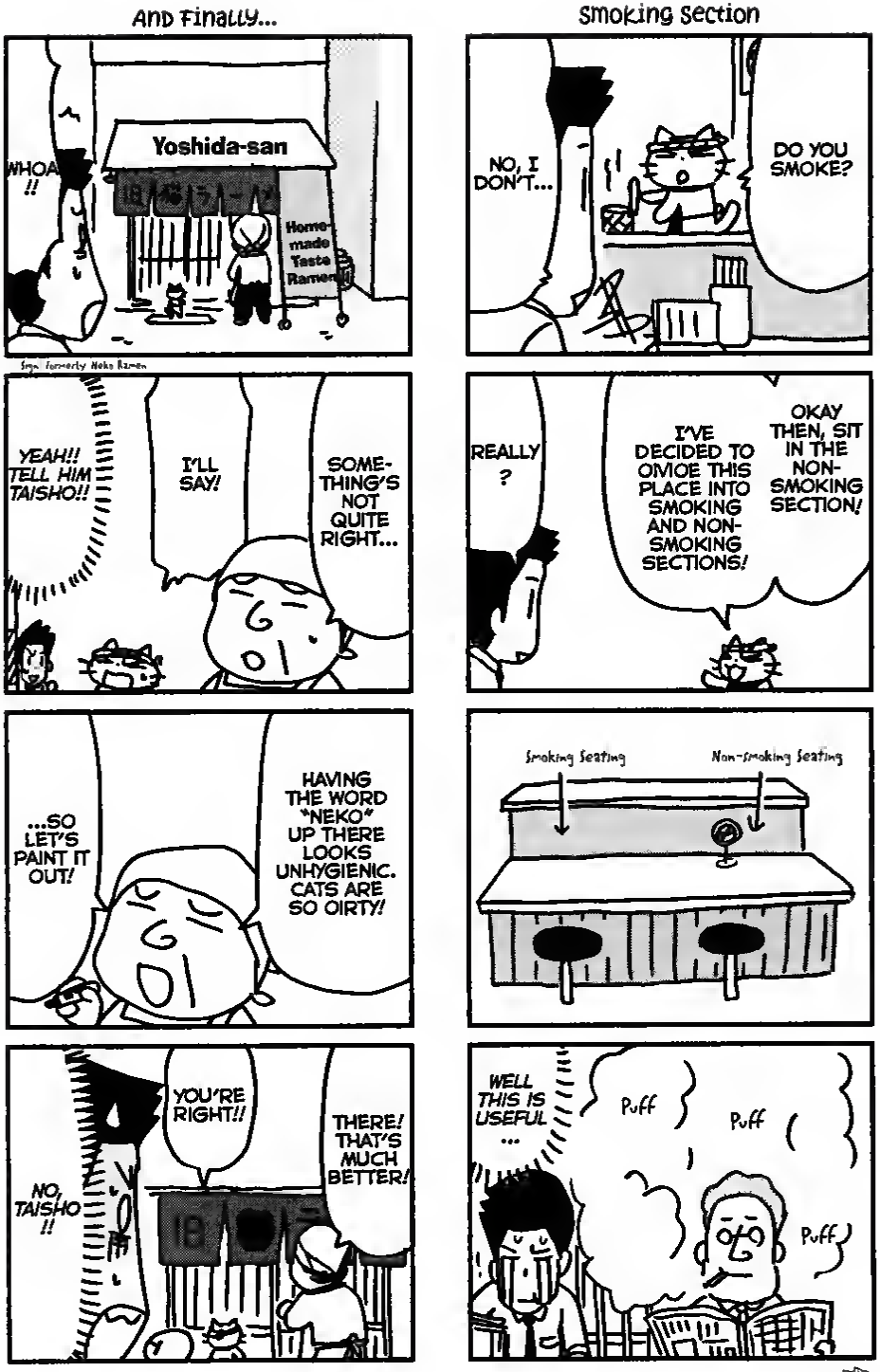


Deep Trouble

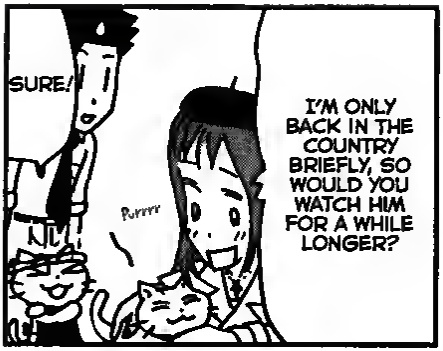


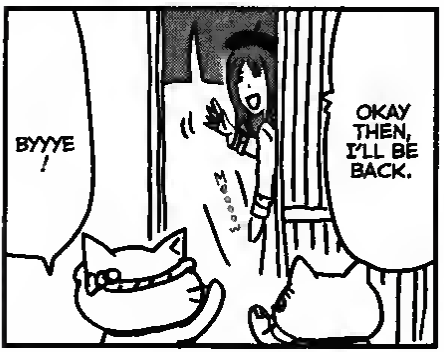


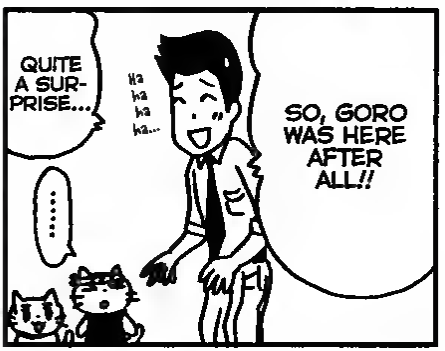


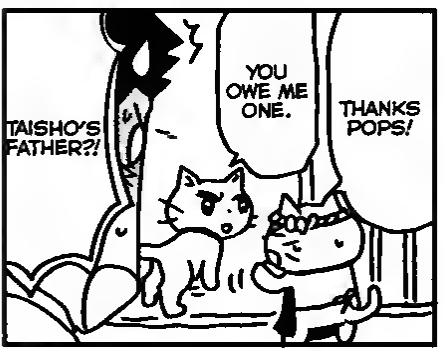

And Finally...
Yoshida-san
WHOA !!
Home-made Taste Ramen
Smoking Section
NO, I DON'T...
DO YOU SMOKE?
formerly Neko Ramen
YEAH!! TELL HIM TAISHO!!
I'LL SAY!
SOME-THING'S NOT QUITE RIGHT...
REALLY ?
I'VE DECIDED TO OMOE THIS PLACE INTO SMOKING AND NON-SMOKING SECTIONS!
OKAY THEN, SIT IN THE NON-SMOKING SECTION!
...SO LET'S PAINT IT OUT!
HAVING THE WORD "NEKO" UP THERE LOOKS UNHYGIENIC. CATS ARE SO DIRTY!
Smoking Seating
Non-smoking Seating
NO, TAISHO !!
YOU'RE RIGHT!!
THERE! THAT'S MUCH BETTER!
WELL THIS IS USEFUL ...
Puff
Puff
Puff

Debt

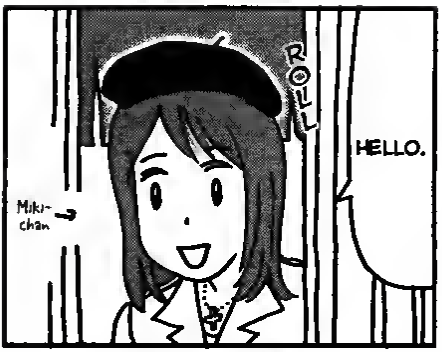

SURE!
Purrrr
I'M ONLY BACK IN THE COUNTRY BRIEFLY, SO WOULD YOU WATCH HIM FOR A WHILE LONGER?

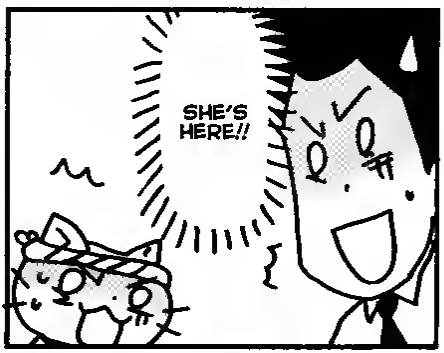

BYYYE!
Meeeee
OKAY THEN, I'LL BE BACK.

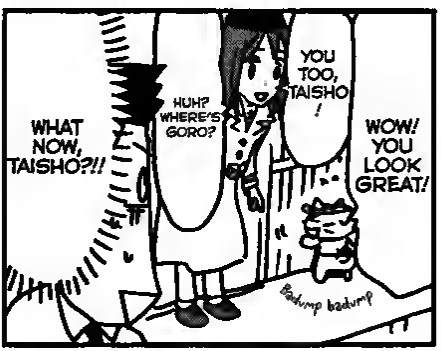

QUITE A SURPRISE...
Ha ha ha ha...
.....
SO, GORO WAS HERE AFTER ALL!!

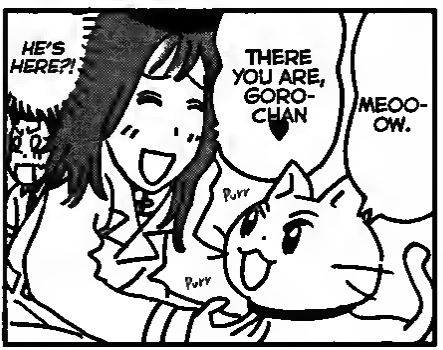

TAISHO'S FATHER?!
YOU OWE ME ONE.
THANKS POPS!

Here


ROLL
HELLO.
Miki-chan


SHE'S HERE!!


WHAT NOW, TAISHO?!!
HUH? WHERE'S GORO?
YOU TOO, TAISHO!
WOW! YOU LOOK GREAT!
Badump badump

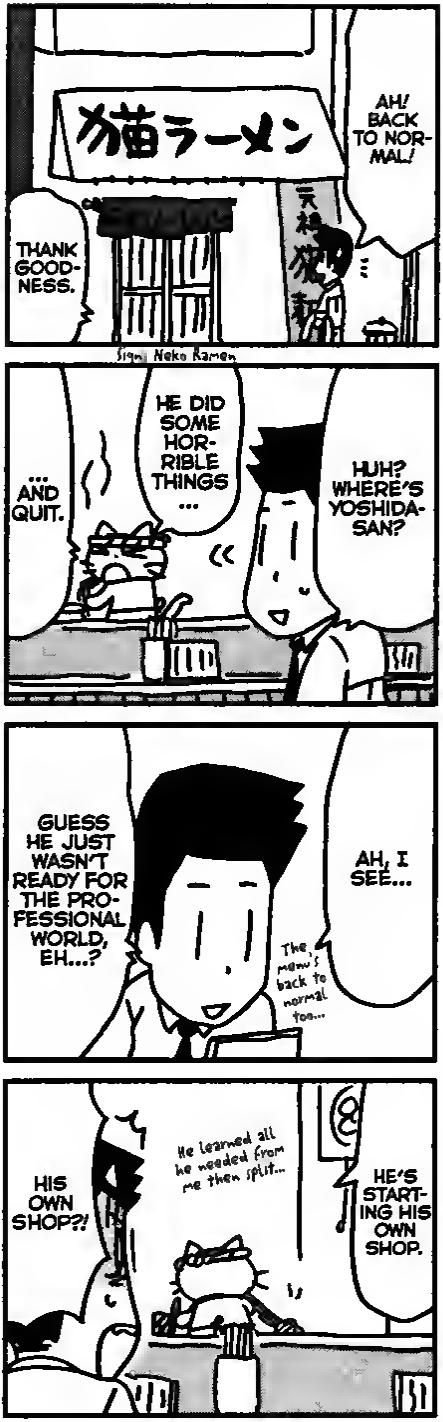

HE'S HERE?!
THERE YOU ARE, GORO-CHAN
MEOO-OW.
Purr
Purr

猫ラーメンの猫カレー

Neko Ramen's Neko Curry

The Saga Continues...

In the End

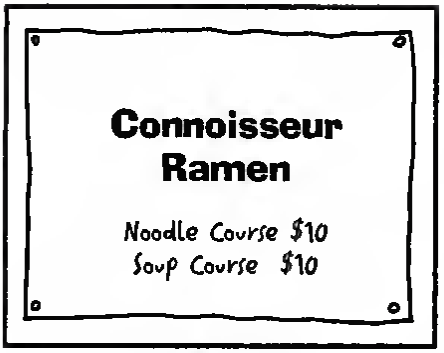

猫ラーメン
AH! BACK TO NORMAL!
THANK GOODNESS.
Sign: Neko Ramen
HE DID SOME HORRIBLE THINGS...
...AND QUIT.
HUH? WHERE'S YOSHIDA-SAN?
GUESS HE JUST WASN'T READY FOR THE PROFESSIONAL WORLD, EH...?
AH, I SEE...
The menu's back to normal too...
He learned all he needed from me then split...
HIS OWN SHOP?!
HE'S STARTING HIS OWN SHOP.

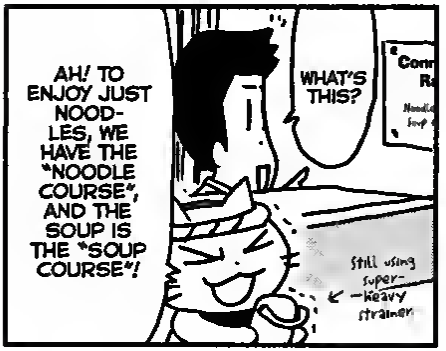
...EVER HEARD THE TERM TSUKE-MEN?
HAVE YOU...
...AND YOU DIP THE NOODLES INTO THE SOUP BE-FORE EATING THEM?!
AH! ISN'T THAT... WHERE THE NOODLES AND SOUP ARE SERVED SEP-ARATELY...
GA
HUH?!
OH, THE "TSU-KE" MEANS "DIP-PING," HUH?
see.
...OH REALLY ...?
WHOA...
I GUESS I'LL HAVE TO RETURN ALL THOSE TSUKEMONO-PICKLED VEGE-TABLES THEN! THOUGHT THAT SEEMED WEIRD...

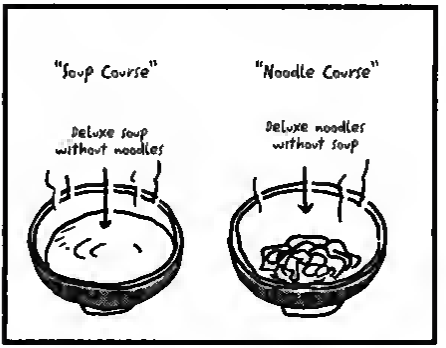
猫ラーメン

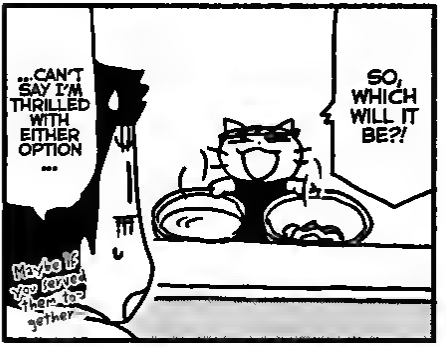
Chapter 23

WHICH?




AH! TO ENJOY JUST NOODLES, WE HAVE THE "NOODLE COURSE", AND THE SOUP IS THE "SOUP COURSE"!
WHAT'S THIS?
Still using super-heavy strainer





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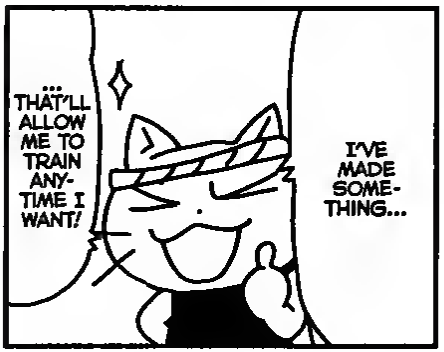

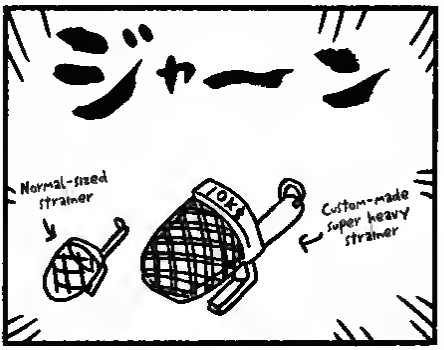

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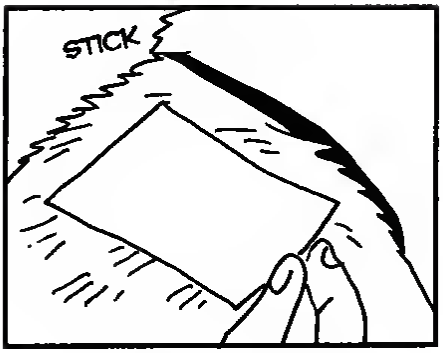

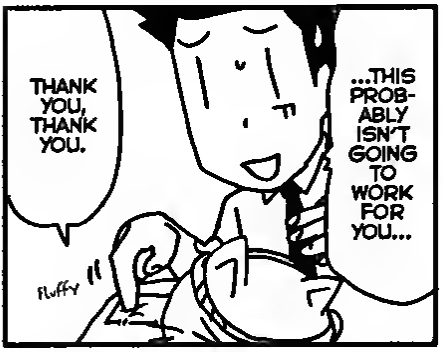

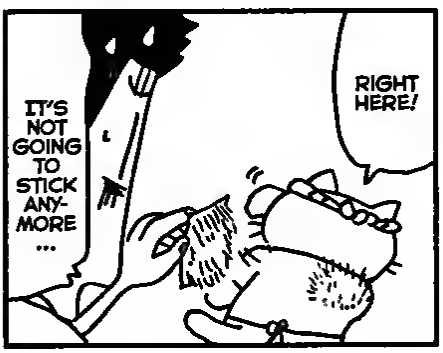

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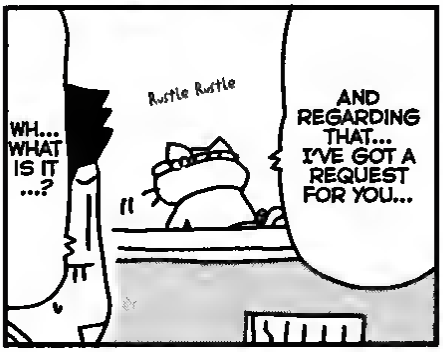

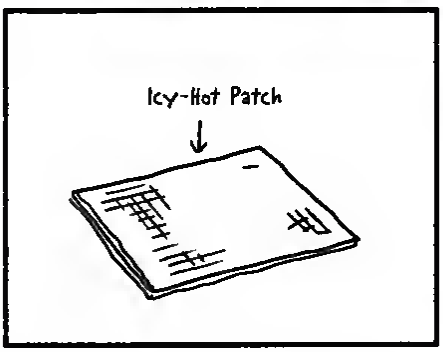

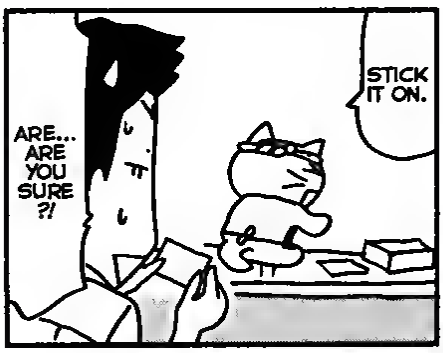

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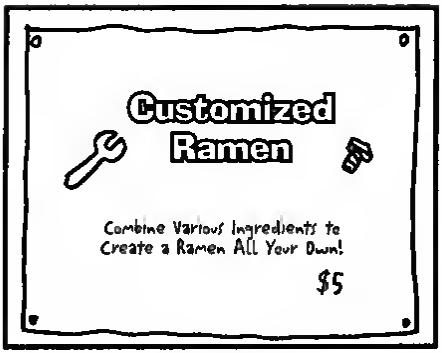
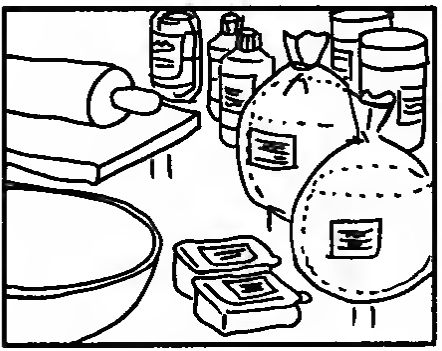
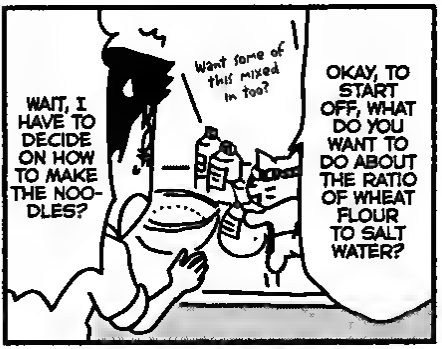
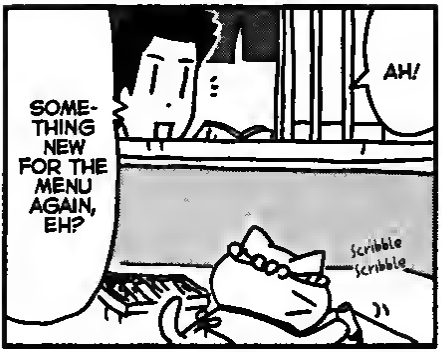


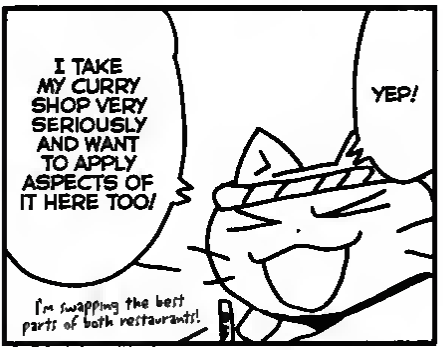


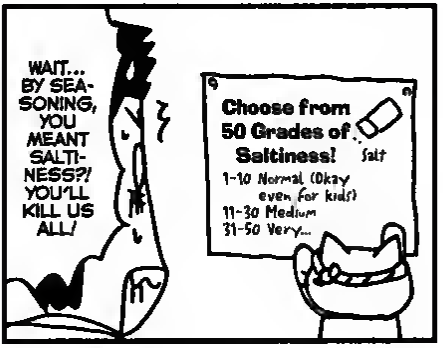

WAIT, I HAVE TO DECIDE ON HOW TO MAKE THE NOODLES?
Want some of this mixed in too?
OKAY, TO START OFF, WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO ABOUT THE RATIO OF WHEAT FLOUR TO SALT WATER?

Swapping the Good Parts

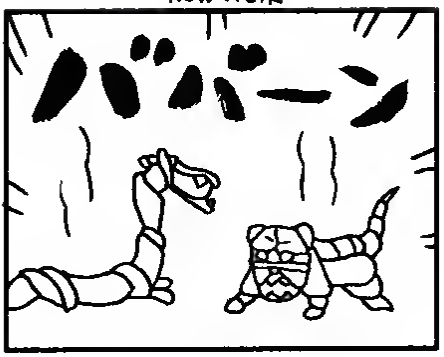


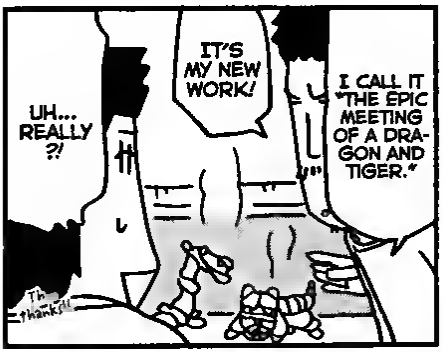
SEASONING?! LIKE HOW YOU CAN CHOOSE HOW YOU WANT YOUR CURRY?
I THOUGHT I'D LET THE CUSTOMERS SELECT FROM A SPECTRUM OF SEASONING.
YEP!

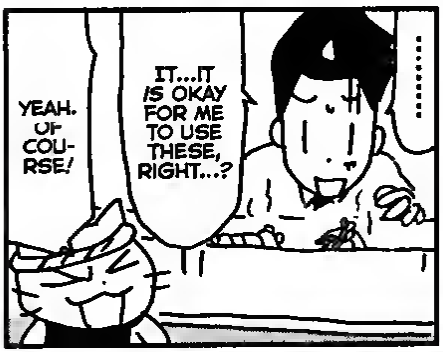

I TAKE MY CURRY SHOP VERY SERIOUSLY AND WANT TO APPLY ASPECTS OF IT HERE TOO!
YEP!
I'm swapping the best parts of both restaurants!

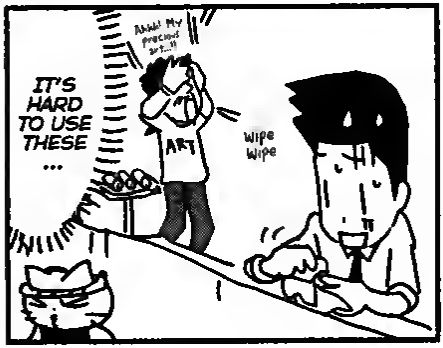

WAIT... BY SEASONING, YOU MEANT SALTINESS?! YOU'LL KILL US ALL!
Choose from 50 Grades of Saltiness!
Salt
1-10 Normal (Okay even for kids)
11-30 Medium
31-50 Very...

New Work









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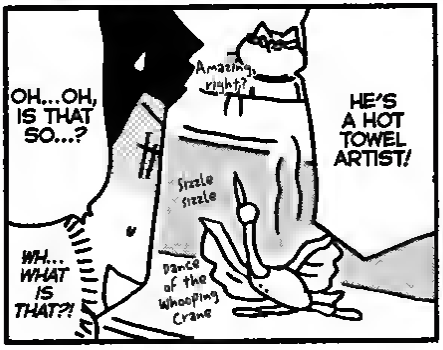

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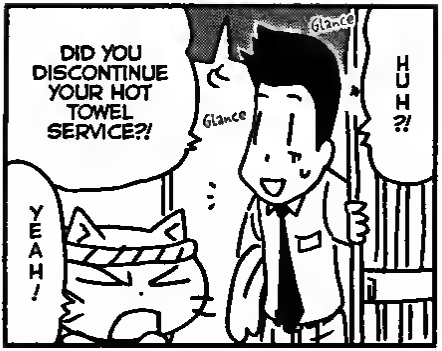

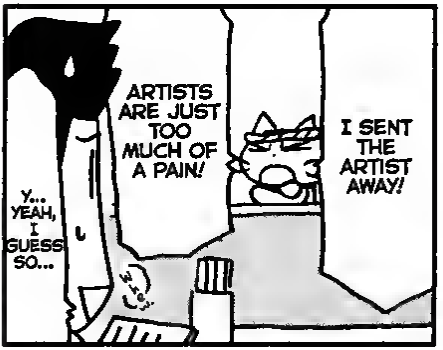

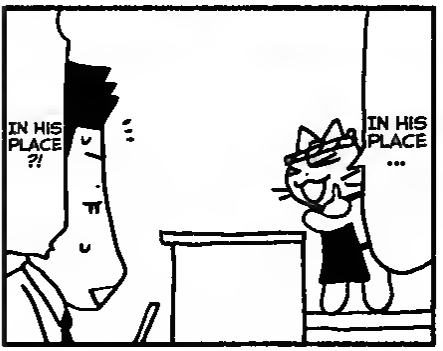

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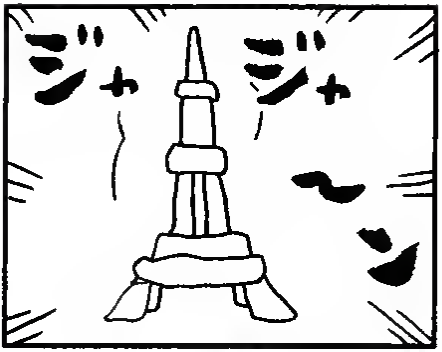

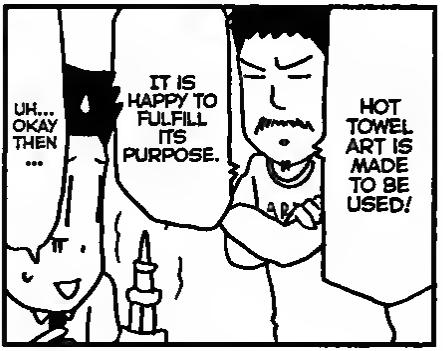

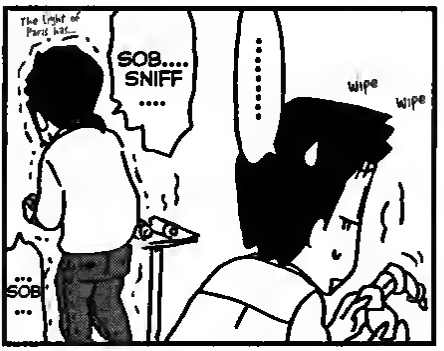

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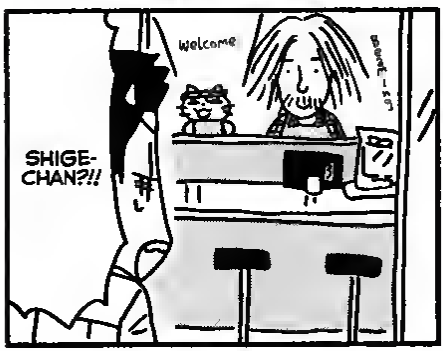
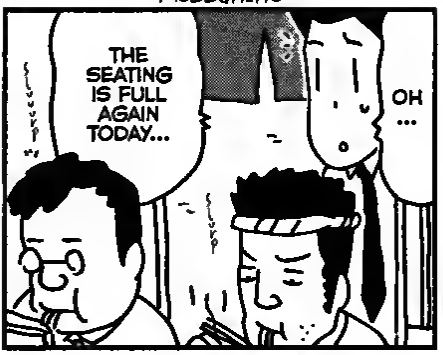
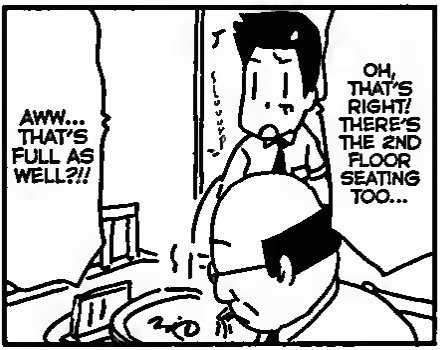
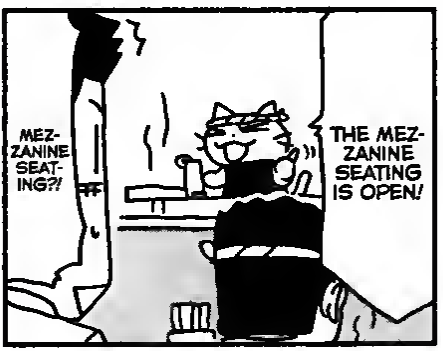
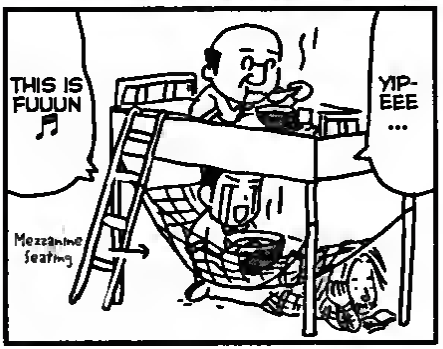


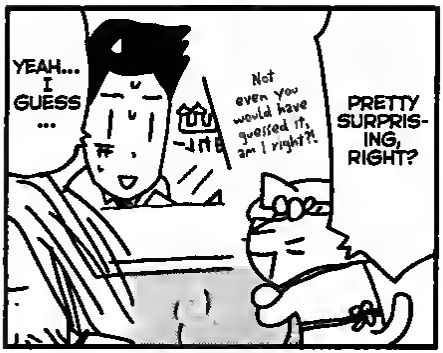
Mezzanine

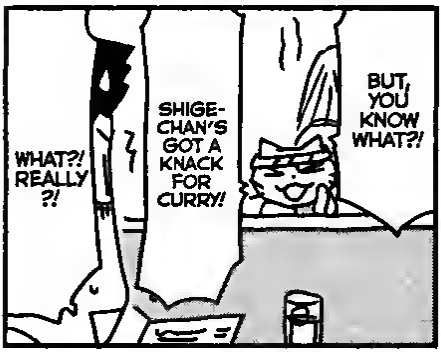


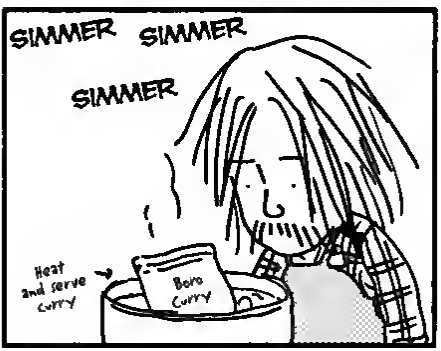








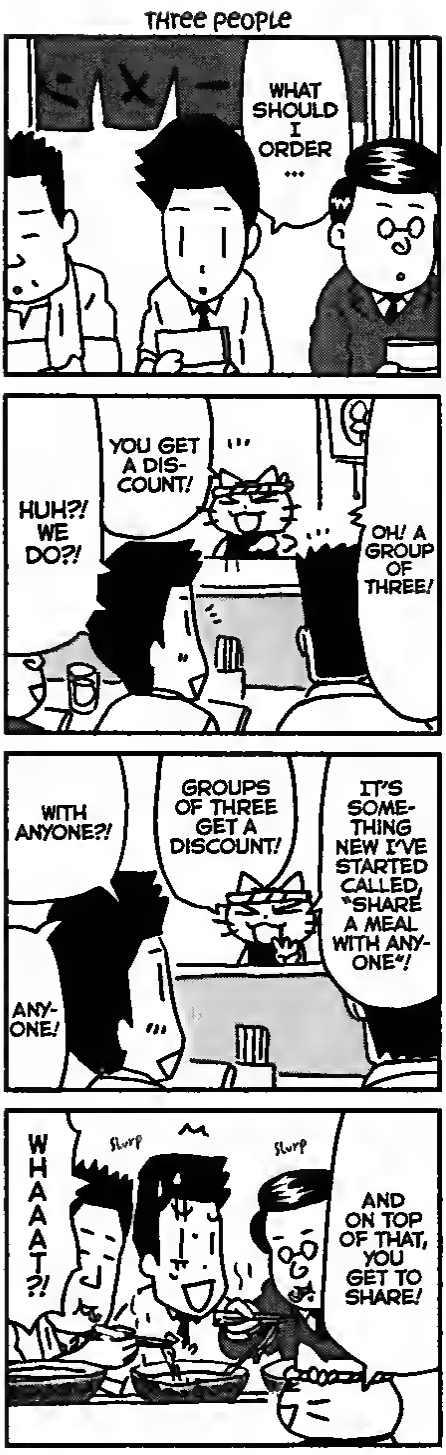




猫ラーメンの猫カレー！

Neko Ramen's Neko Curry

A surprising new development!!



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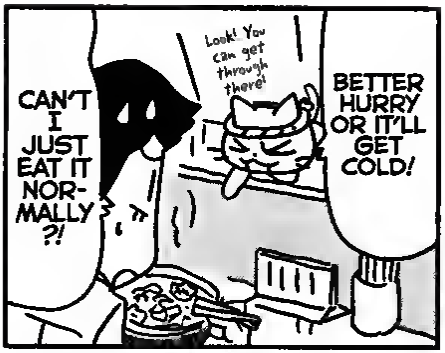
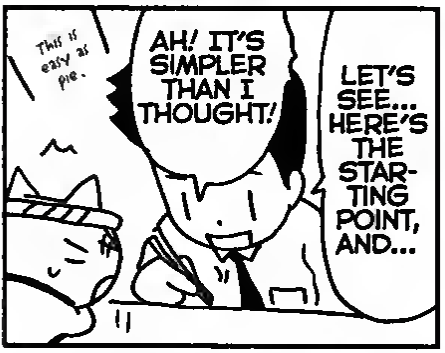
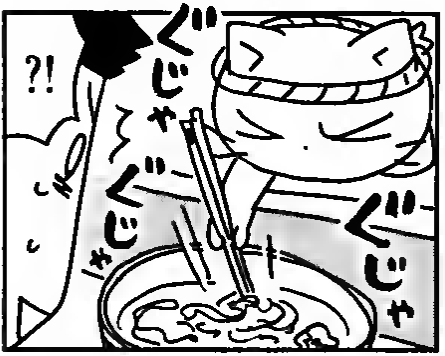
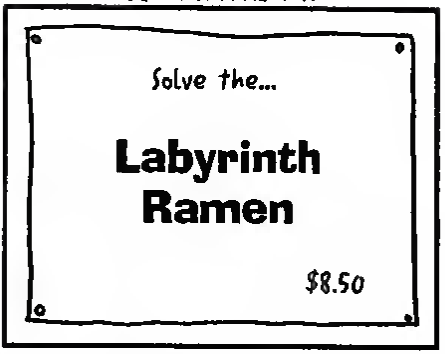
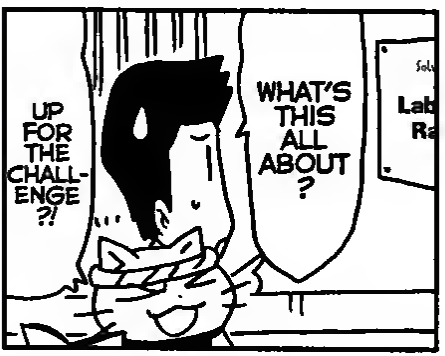


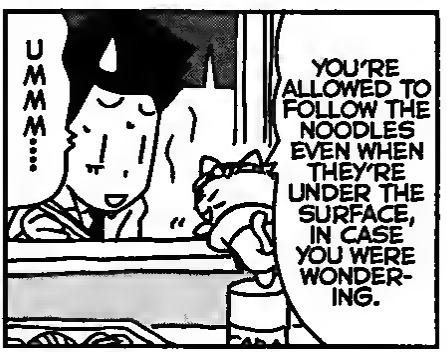


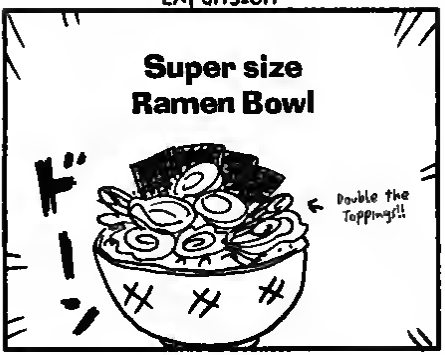


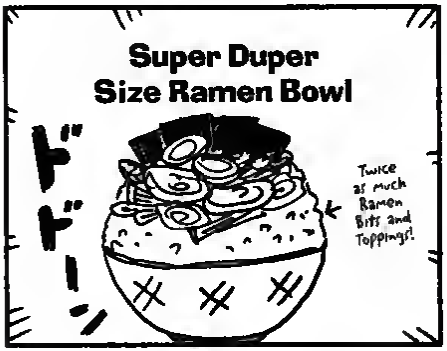
Labyrinth Ramen

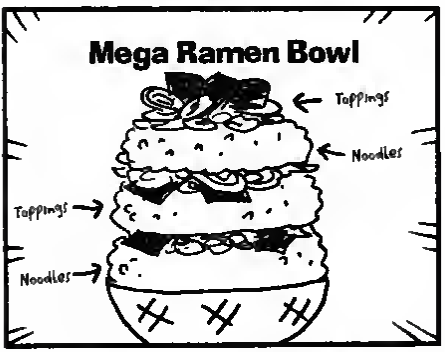


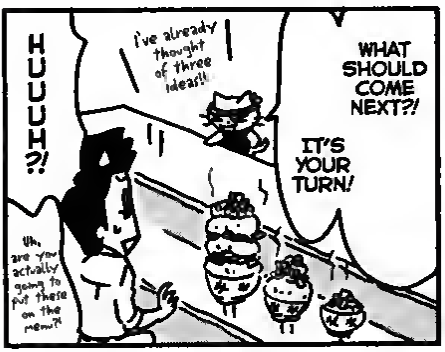


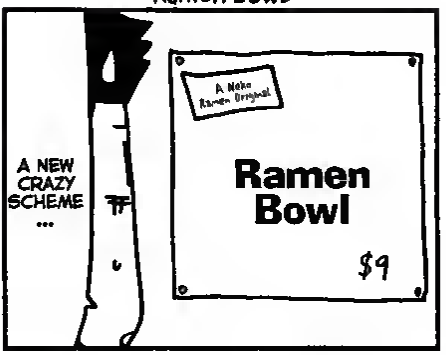


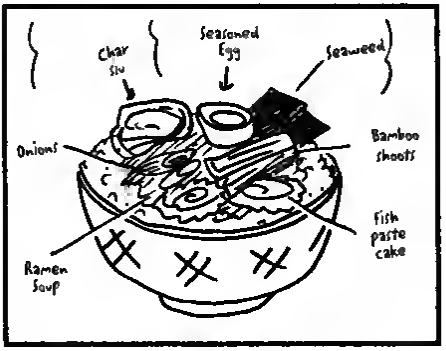

Super size
Ramen Bowl
ドーン
Double the Toppings!!

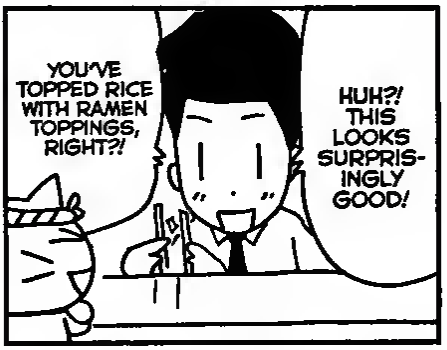

Super Duper
Size Ramen Bowl
ドドーン
Twice as much Ramen Bits and Toppings!


Mega Ramen Bowl
Toppings
Noodles
Toppings
Noodles

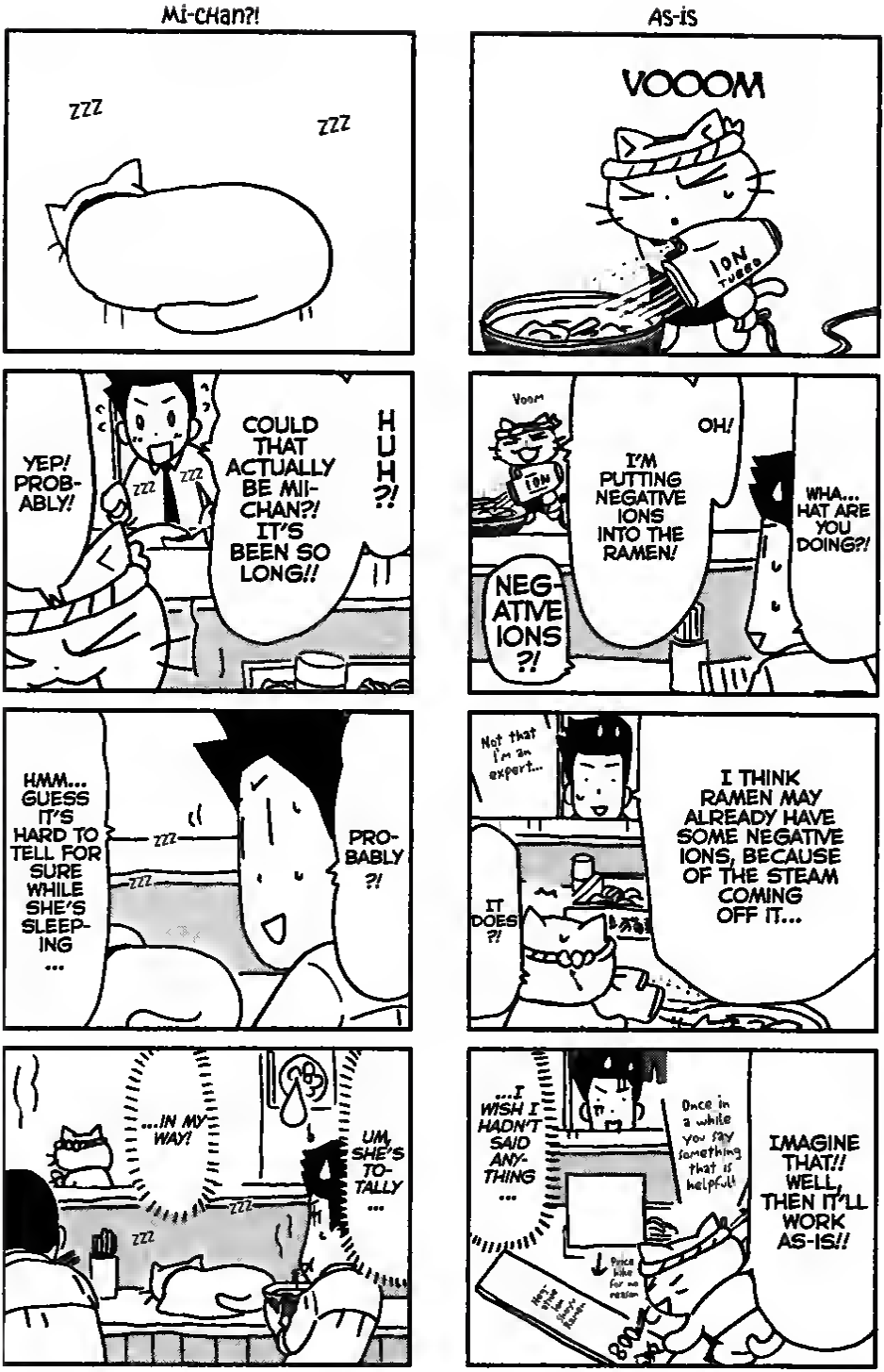

HUUUH?!
I've already thought of three ideas!!
WHAT SHOULD COME NEXT?!
IT'S YOUR TURN!
Uh, are you actually going to put these on the menu?!


A NEW CRAZY SCHEME ...
A Neko Ramen Original
Ramen Bowl
$9

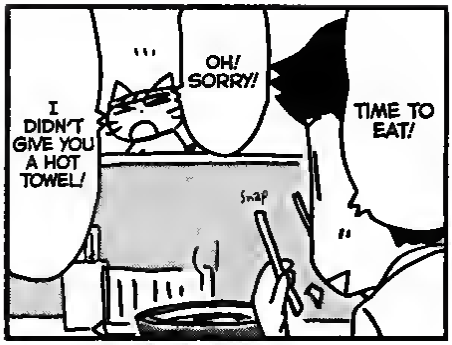

Char siu
Seasoned Egg
Seaweed
Onions
Bamboo shoots
Fish paste cake
Ramen Soup

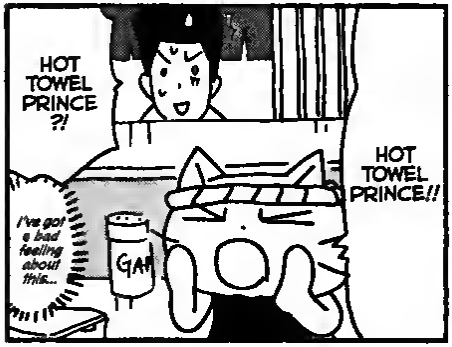

YOU'VE TOPPED RICE WITH RAMEN TOPPINGS, RIGHT?!
HUH?! THIS LOOKS SURPRISINGLY GOOD!

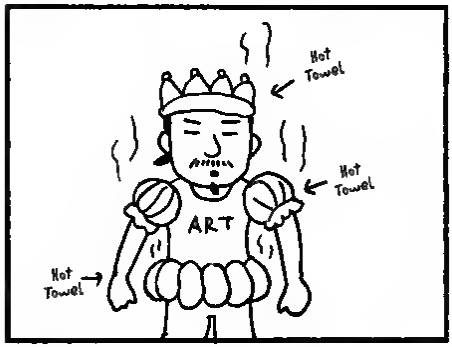
WHOA!! THIS ISN'T RICE, IT'S TINY PIECES OF NOODLE !!
YOU'RE NOT THINKING BIG ENOUGH !!
Slippery

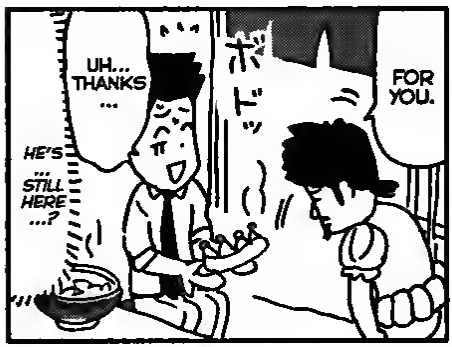

Mi-chan?!
ZZZ
ZZZ
YEP! PROB-ABLY!
COULD THAT ACTUALLY BE MII-CHAN?! IT'S BEEN SO LONG!!
HUH?!
HMM... GUESS IT'S HARD TO TELL FOR SURE WHILE SHE'S SLEEPING ...
PRO-BABLY ?!
...IN MY WAY!
UM, SHE'S TO-TALLY ...
As-is
VOOOM
ION TUBBS
Voom
ION
OH!
I'M PUTTING NEGATIVE IONS INTO THE RAMEN!
NEG-ATIVE IONS ?!
WHA... HAT ARE YOU DOING?!
Not that I'm an expert...
I THINK RAMEN MAY ALREADY HAVE SOME NEGATIVE IONS, BECAUSE OF THE STEAM COMING OFF IT...
IT DOES ?!
...I WISH I HADN'T SAID ANY-THING ...
Once in a while you say something that is helpful!
Price hike for no reason
IMAGINE THAT!! WELL, THEN IT'LL WORK AS-IS!!

Prince

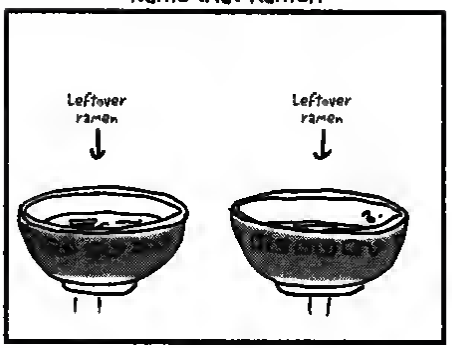


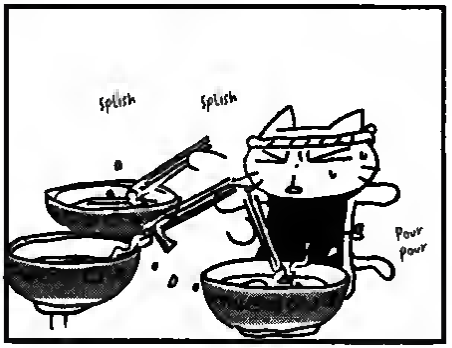


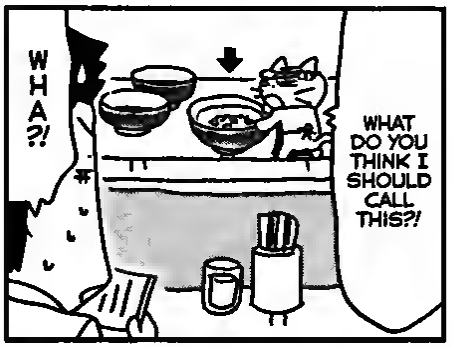




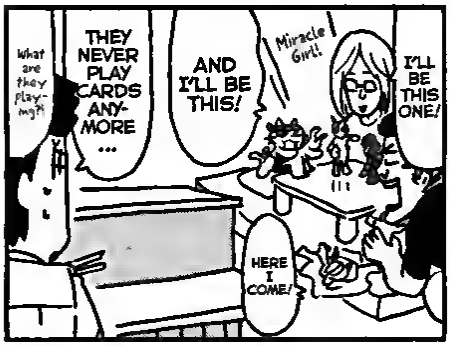
Name that Ramen





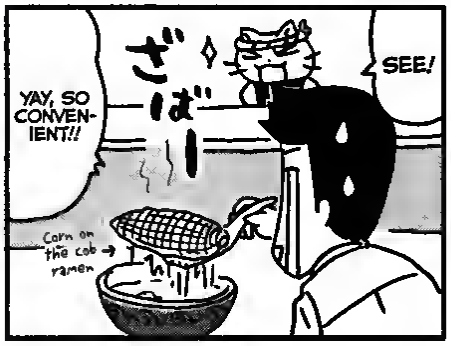


Not Cards?!



For Use With Corn

NO, I HAVEN'T ...
HAVE YOU HEARD OF THESE CHINESE-STYLE SPOONS THAT ARE MADE SO YOU CAN SCOOP CORN OUT OF YOUR RAMEN WITHOUT ANY BROTH?



AS EXPECTED
SCHEME
HUH? ARE YOU SURE IT'S ALL RIGHT FOR YOU TO DO THAT?!
Tanaka saved his job
TANAKA-SENPAI! PLEASE LET ME TREAT YOU TO LUNCH TO THANK YOU FOR THE OTHER DAY!
UH... SURE...
WOULD YOU HELP ME TAKE SOME PICTURES?
CHEAP CURRY SHOP ?!
IT'S THIS WAY ...
THOUGH, IT'LL BE AT A NEWLY OPENED CHEAP CURRY SHOP!
Curry
Ten cents
IT... IT'S TRUE
HERE IT IS!
WHAAAAT?!
Shige's
Curry
Ten cents
WHOA, I KNEW IT'D BE CROWDED!
JUST LIKE EVERY-ONE ELSE, HUH?
NEXT IS THIS!
I'M GOING TO MAKE A CUTE PHOTO-BLOG AND GET FAMOUS!

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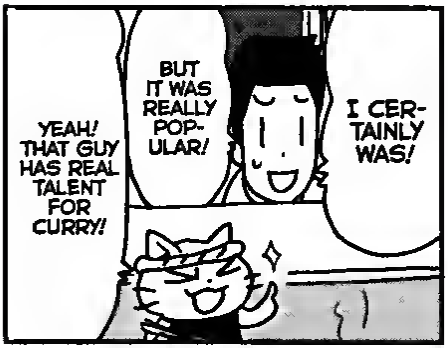
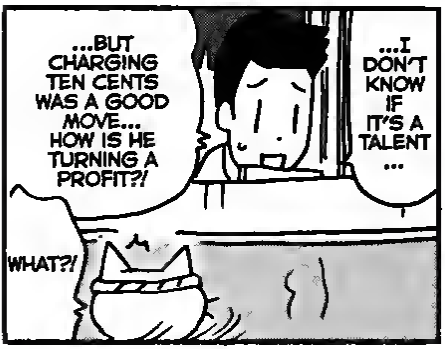
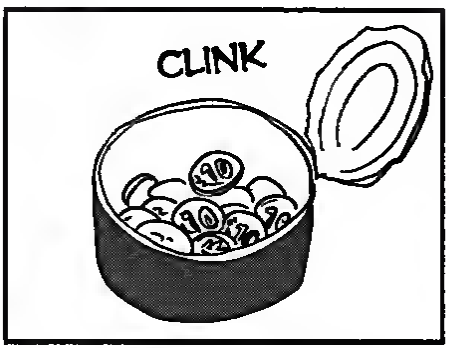
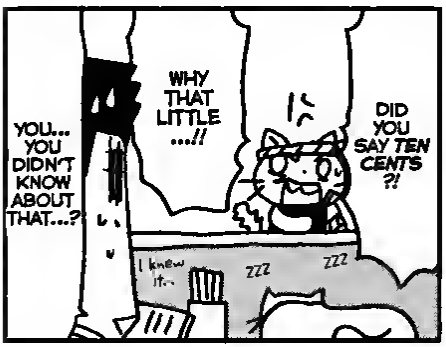
Neko Ramen's Shige-Curry

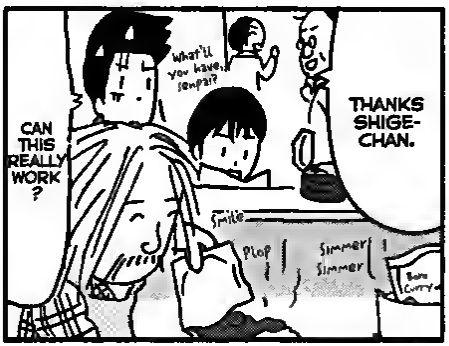
Ten Cent Curry

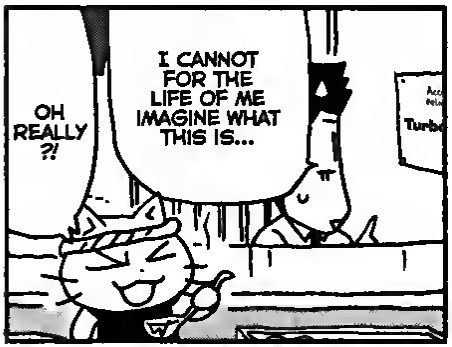


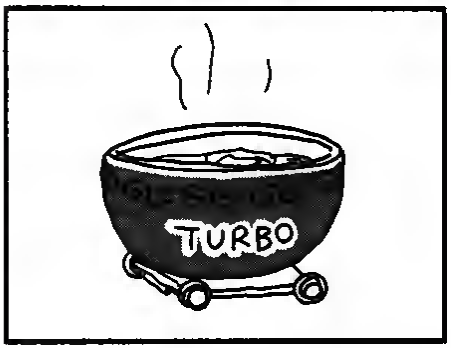


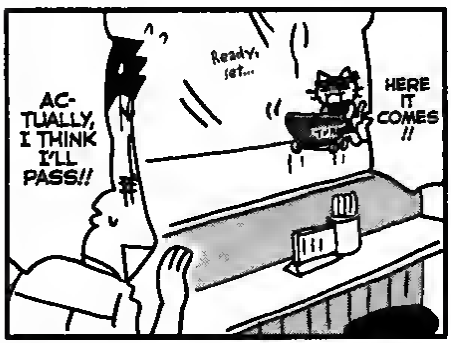












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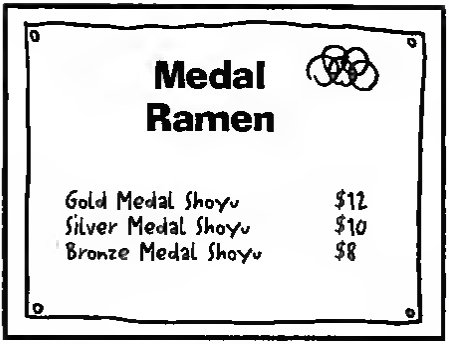
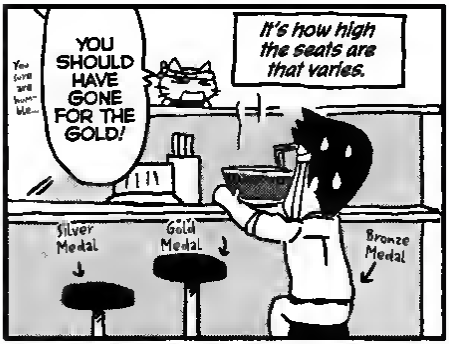
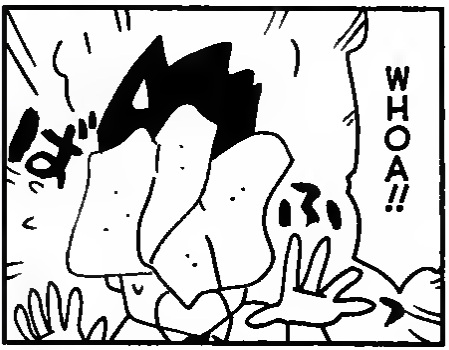

Medal Ramen
Gold Medal Shoyu $12
Silver Medal Shoyu $10
Bronze Medal Shoyu $8

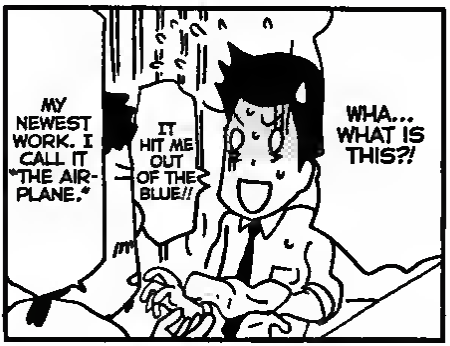
THOUGHT SO...
THE LOFTINESS!
WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THEM?

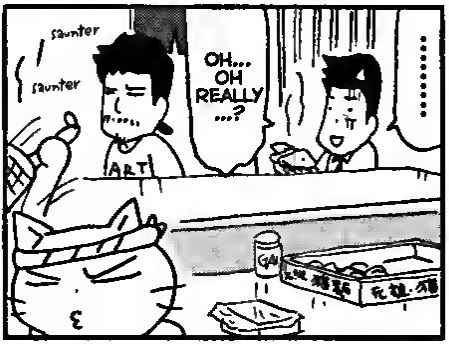
HUH?!
THE BRONZE IS A BIT DIFFICULT TO EAT! STILL OKAY?
OKAY THEN, I'LL HAVE A BRONZE MEDAL RAMEN!

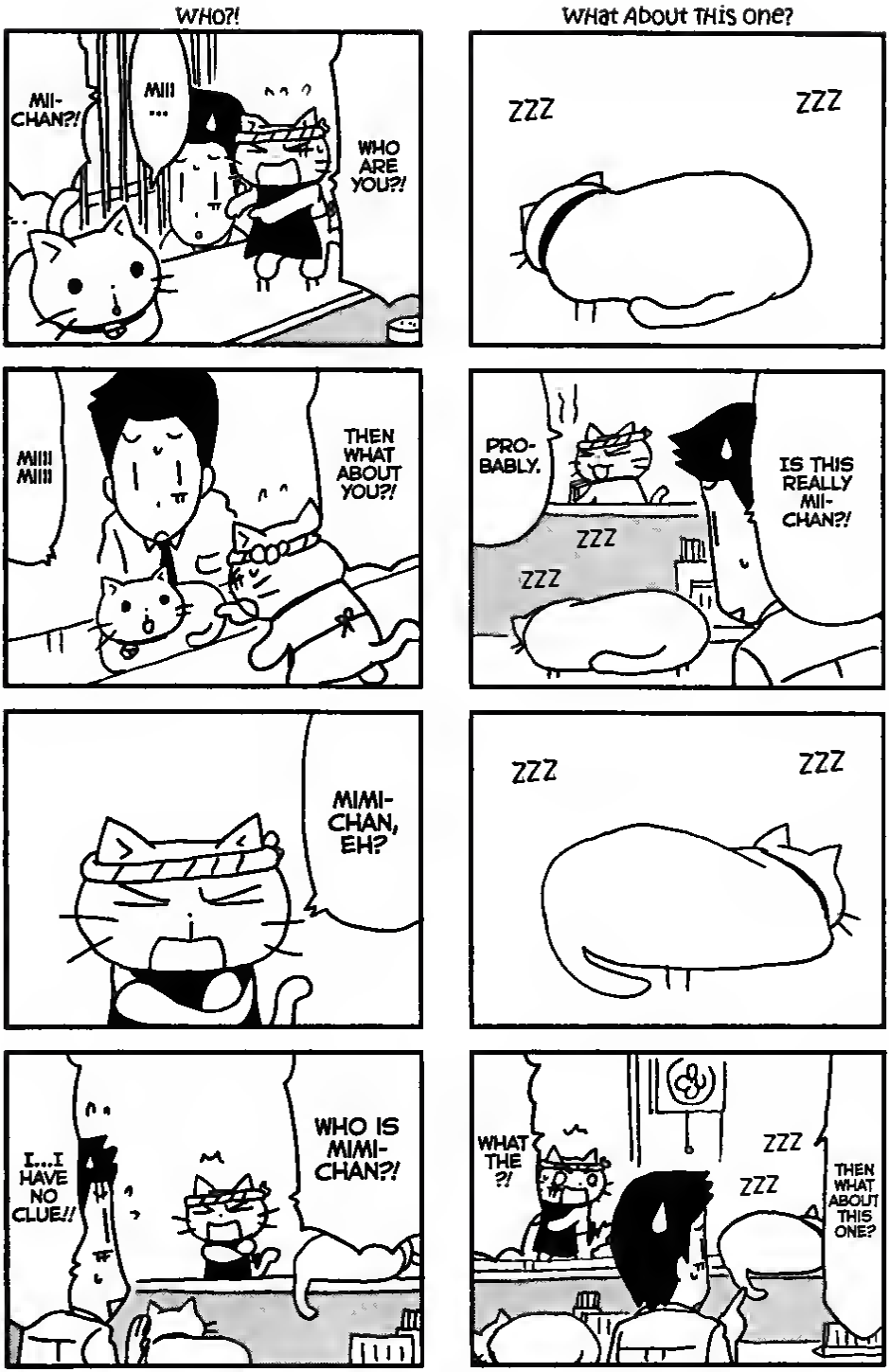

You could still hum-Mm...
YOU SHOULD HAVE GONE FOR THE GOLD!
It's how high the seats are that varies.
Silver Medal
Gold Medal
Bronze Medal

HIYAAH!
ART

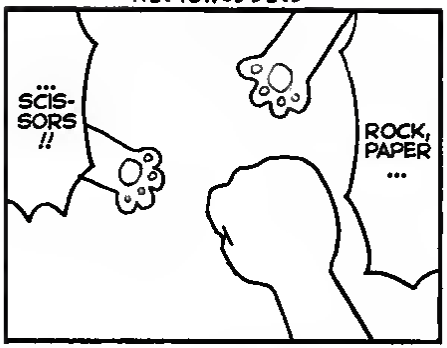

WHOA!!

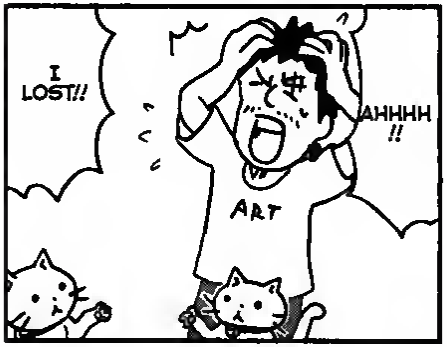

MY NEWEST WORK. I CALL IT "THE AIRPLANE."
IT HIT ME OUT OF THE BLUE!!
WHA... WHAT IS THIS?!

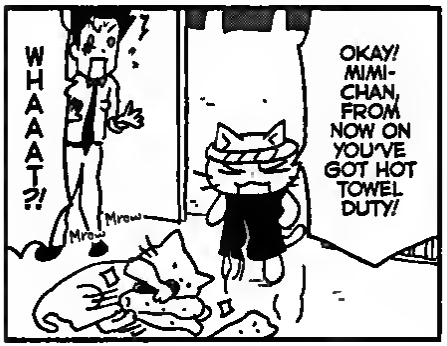

saunter
saunter
(.....
OH... OH REALLY...?
.....
ART


WHO?!
MII-CHAN?!
MIII...
WHO ARE YOU?!
MIIII MIIII
THEN WHAT ABOUT YOU?!
MIMI-CHAN, EH?
I...I HAVE NO CLUE!!
WHO IS MIMI-CHAN?!
What About THIS One?
ZZZ
ZZZ
PRO-BABLY.
ZZZ
ZZZ
IS THIS REALLY MII-CHAN?!
ZZZ
ZZZ
WHAT THE ?!
ZZZ
ZZZ
THEN WHAT ABOUT THIS ONE?

Hot Towel Duty







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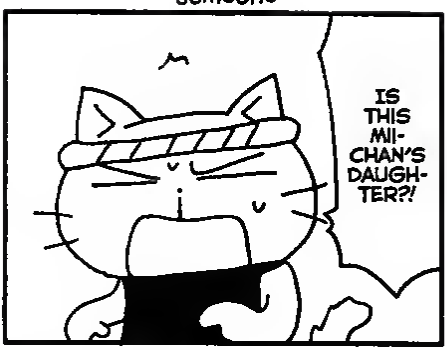
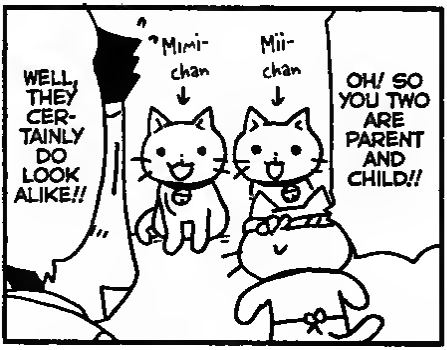
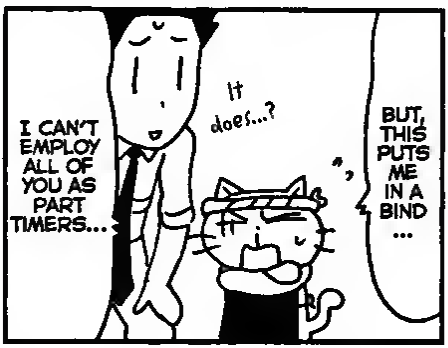
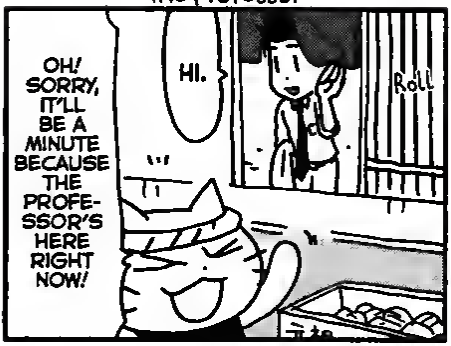
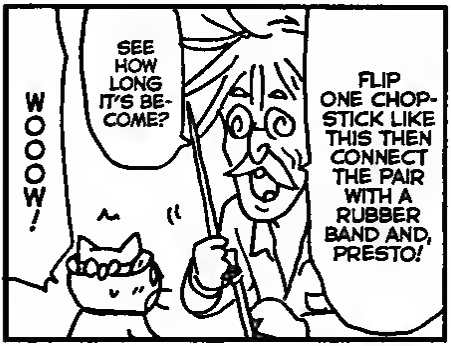


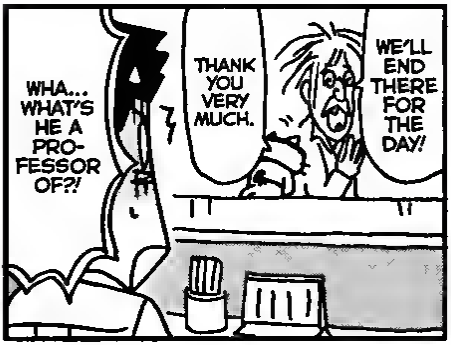




The professor







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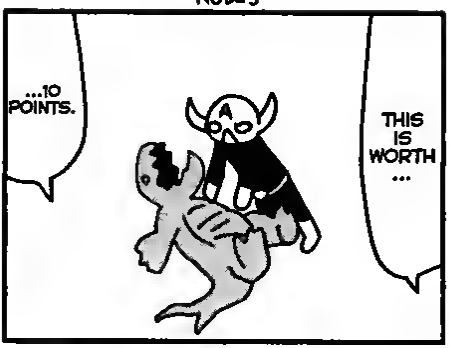
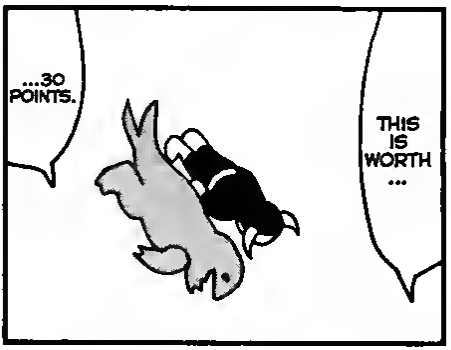
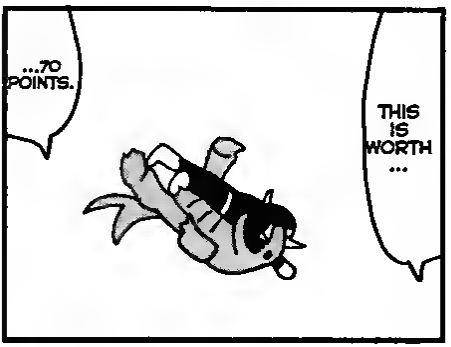
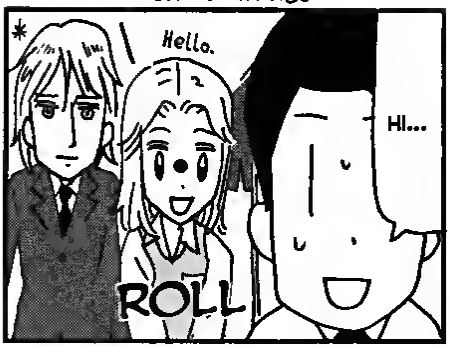
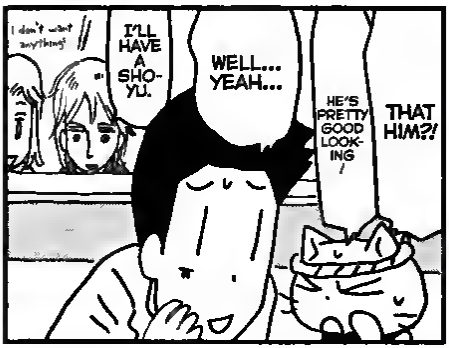
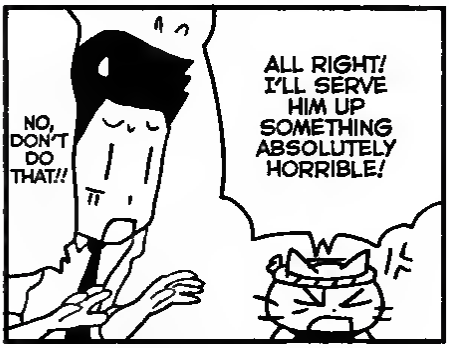


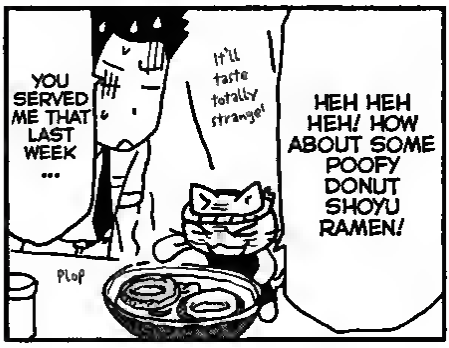


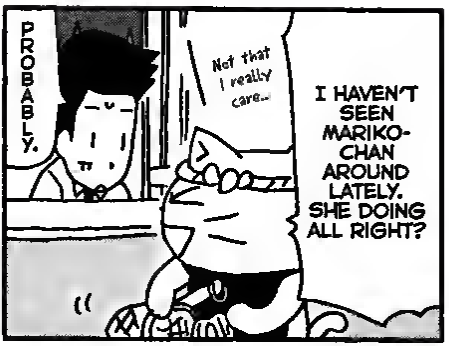


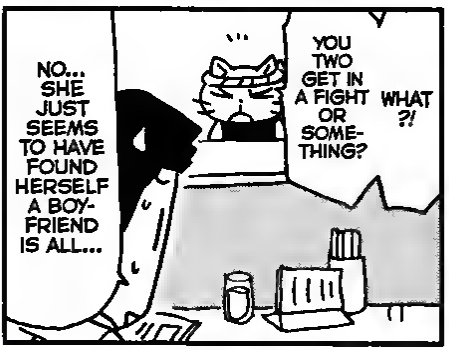

Hello.
HI...
ROLL


I'LL HAVE A SHO-YU.
WELL... YEAH...
HE'S PRETTY GOOD LOOK-ING /
THAT HIM?!

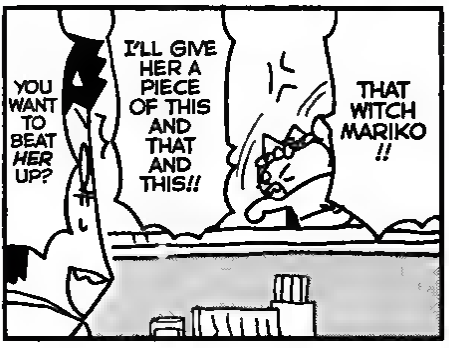

NO, DON'T DO THAT!!
ALL RIGHT! I'LL SERVE HIM UP SOMETHING ABSOLUTELY HORRIBLE!

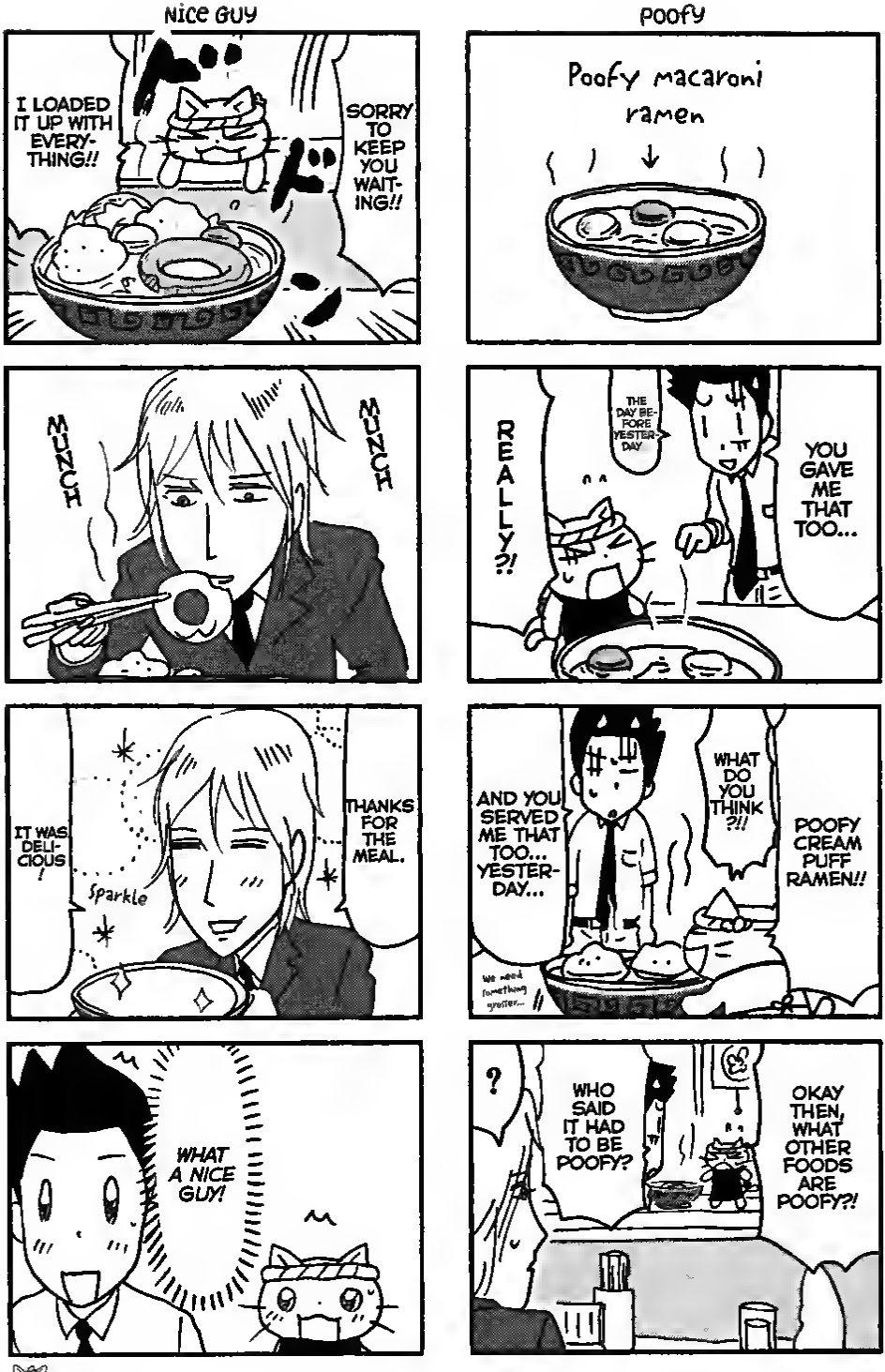

YOU SERVED ME THAT LAST WEEK ...
It'll taste totally strange!
HEH HEH HEH! HOW ABOUT SOME POOFY DONUT SHOYU RAMEN!
Plop


PROBABLY.
Not that I really care...
I HAVEN'T SEEN MARIKO-CHAN AROUND LATELY. SHE DOING ALL RIGHT?


NO... SHE JUST SEEMS TO HAVE FOUND HERSELF A BOY-FRIEND IS ALL...
YOU TWO GET IN A FIGHT OR SOME-THING?
WHAT ?!

NO, YOU MUST-N'T!!
BRING 'EM BY ONCE!! I'LL ADMINISTER A BEATING!!
WHA-AAT ?!


YOU WANT TO BEAT HER UP?
I'LL GIVE HER A PIECE OF THIS AND THAT AND THIS!!
THAT WITCH MARIKO !!


NICE GUY
I LOADED IT UP WITH EVERY-THING!!
SORRY TO KEEP YOU WAIT-ING!!
POOFY
Poofy macaroni ramen
MUZUI
MUZUI
REALLY?!
THE DAY BE-FORE YESTER-DAY
YOU GAVE ME THAT TOO...
IT WAS DELI-CIOUS!
Sparkle
THANKS FOR THE MEAL.
AND YOU SERVED ME THAT TOO... YESTER-DAY...
WHAT DO YOU THINK?!!
POOFY CREAM PUFF RAMEN!!
We need something sweeter...
WHAT A NICE GUY!
?
WHO SAID IT HAD TO BE POOFY?
OKAY THEN, WHAT OTHER FOODS ARE POOFY?!

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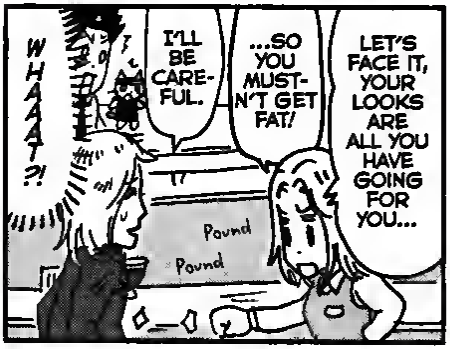
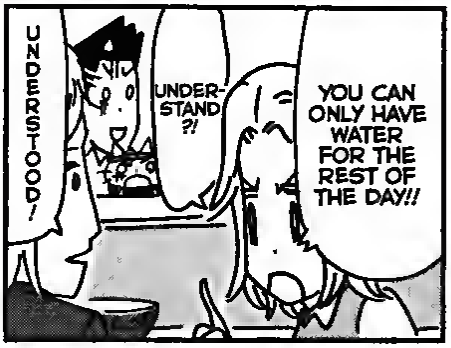
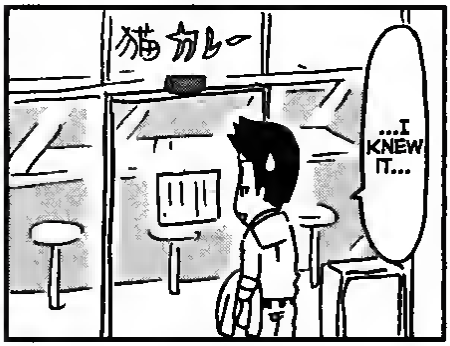
Neko Ramen's Neko Curry

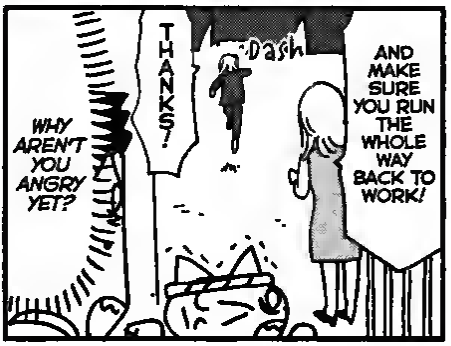
Get Angry!



Notice: Due to unforeseen circumstances we will be temporarily closed.
-Management







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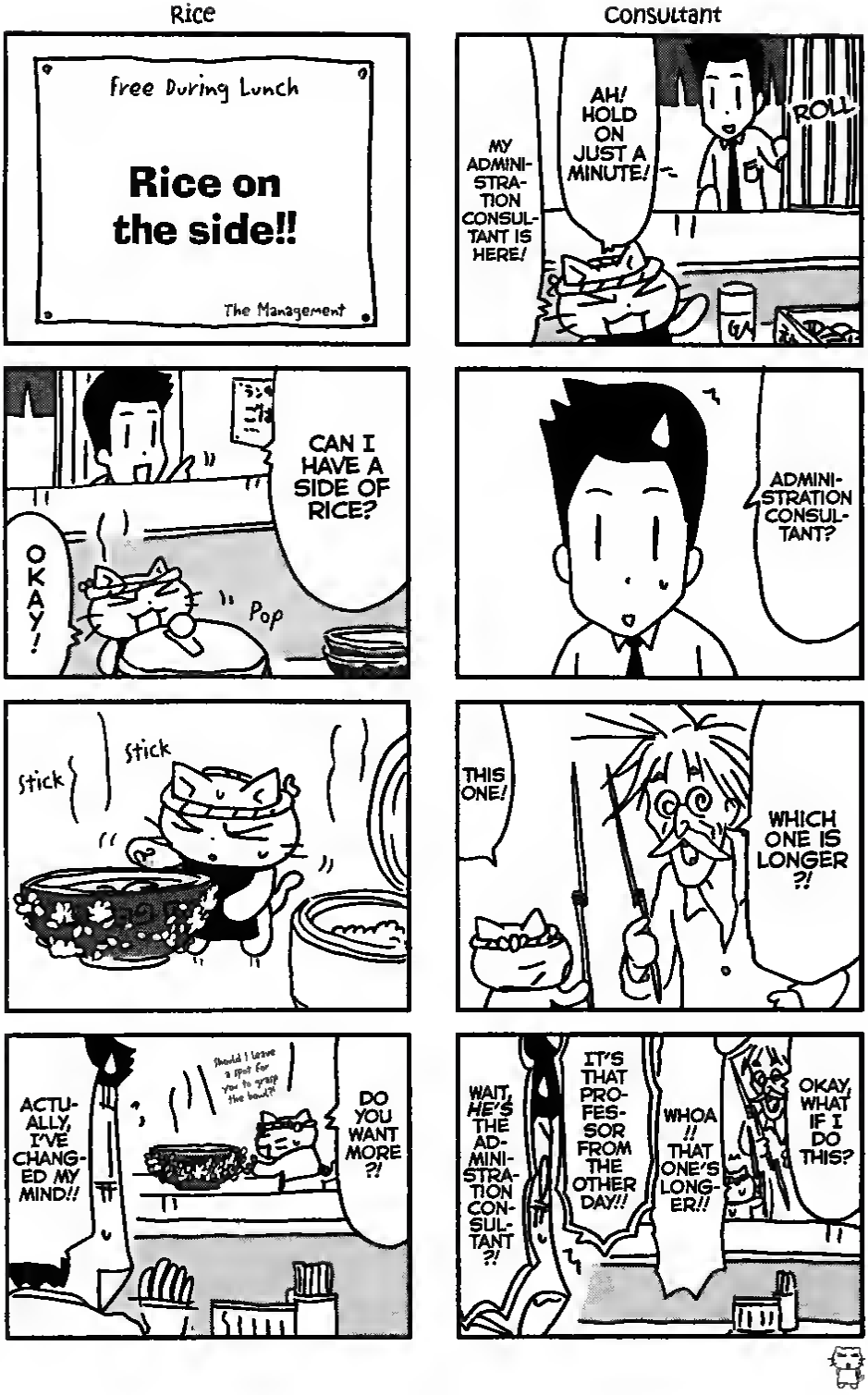
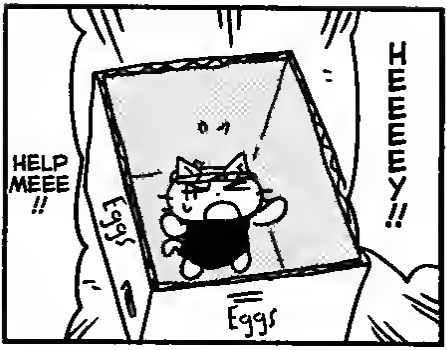
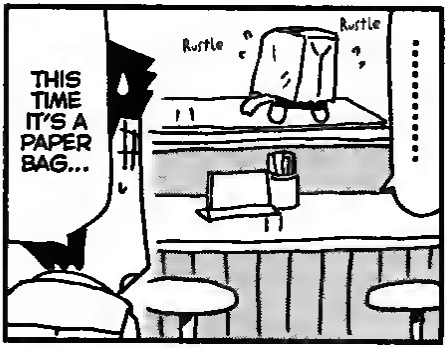
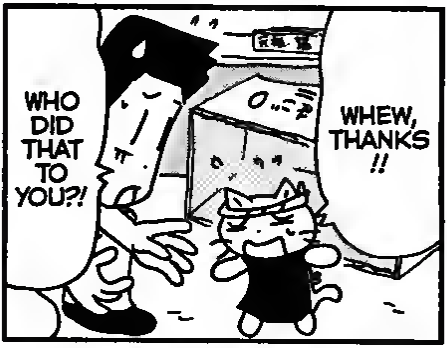
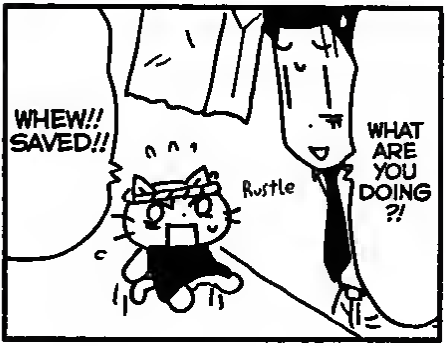

Rice
Consultant
Free During Lunch
Rice on the side!!
The Management
MY ADMINISTRATION CONSULTANT IS HERE!
AH! HOLD ON JUST A MINUTE!
ROLL
CAN I HAVE A SIDE OF RICE?
OKAY!
Pop
ADMINISTRATION CONSULTANT?
Stick
Stick
THIS ONE!
WHICH ONE IS LONGER?!
ACTUALLY, I'VE CHANGED MY MIND!!
Should I leave a spot for you to grasp the bowl?
DO YOU WANT MORE?!
WAIT, HE'S THE ADMINISTRATION CONSULTANT?!
IT'S THAT PROFESSOR FROM THE OTHER DAY!!
WHOA!! THAT ONE'S LONGER!!
OKAY, WHAT IF I DO THIS?

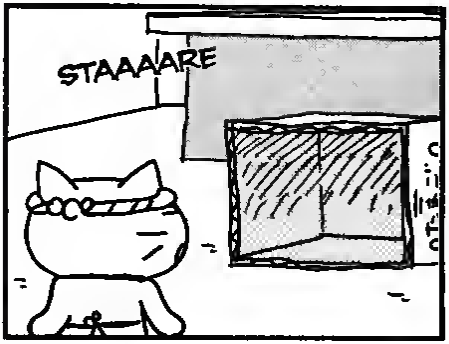
GET ME OUT OF HEEERE !!
HEEEY!!

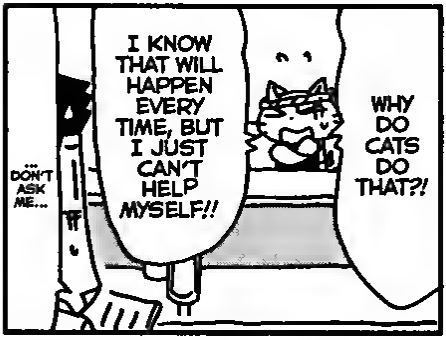

HELP MEEE !!
Eggs
Eggs
HEEEY!!

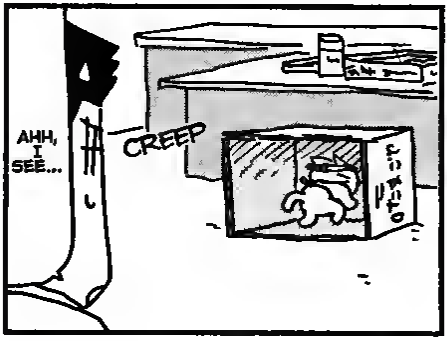

THIS TIME IT'S A PAPER BAG...
Rustle
Rustle
.....


WHO DID THAT TO YOU?!
WHEW, THANKS !!

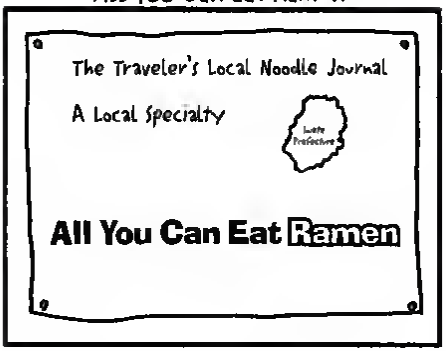

WHEW!! SAVED!!
Rustle
WHAT ARE YOU DOING ?!

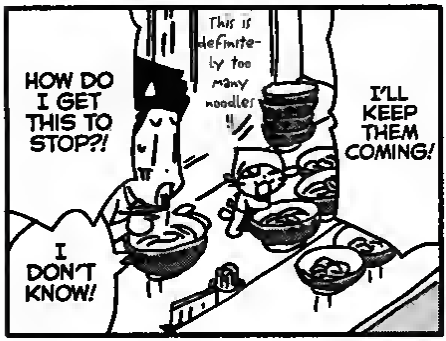

STAAARE


... DON'T ASK ME...
I KNOW THAT WILL HAPPEN EVERY TIME, BUT I JUST CAN'T HELP MYSELF!!
WHY DO CATS DO THAT?!

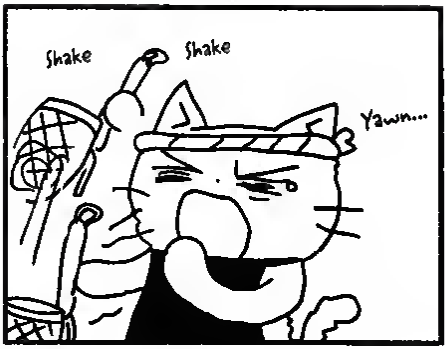

AHH, I SEE...
CREEP

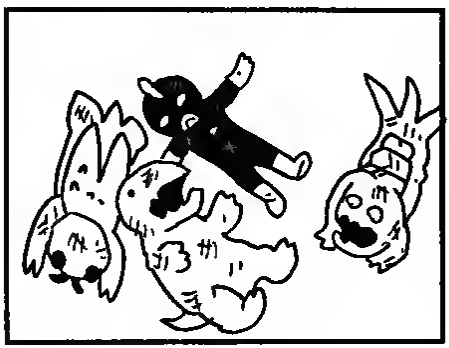
All You Can Eat Ramen

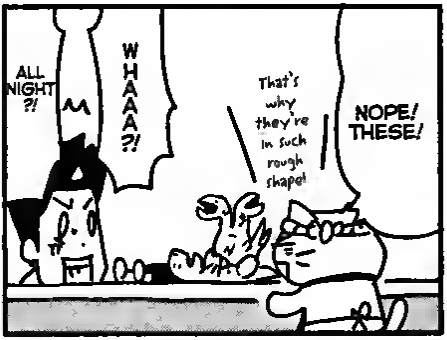




All Nighter







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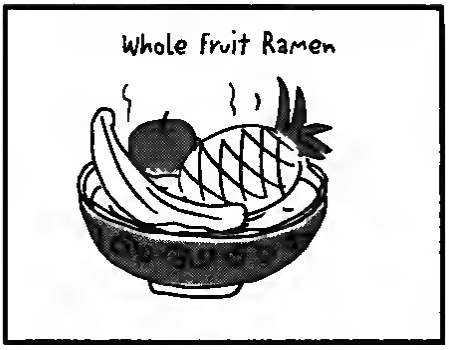

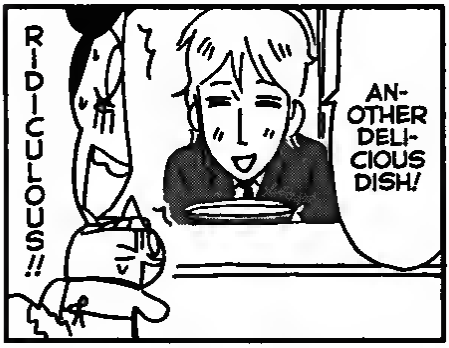

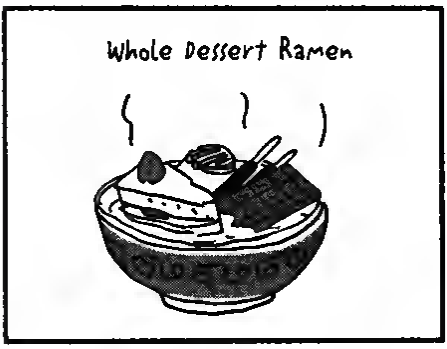

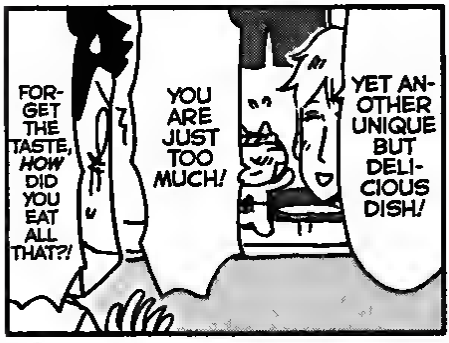

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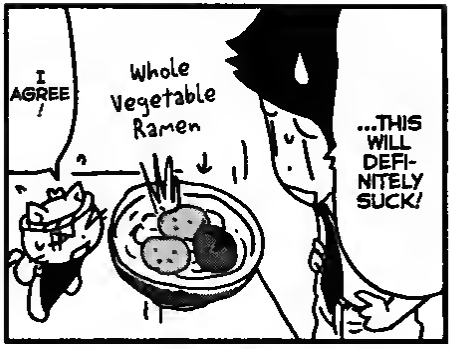
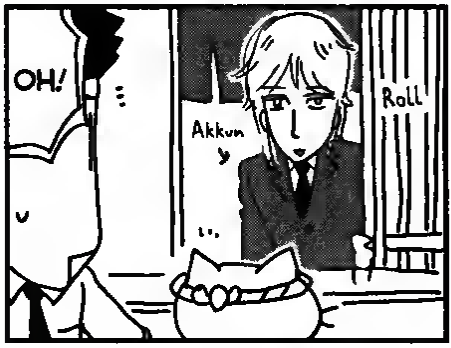
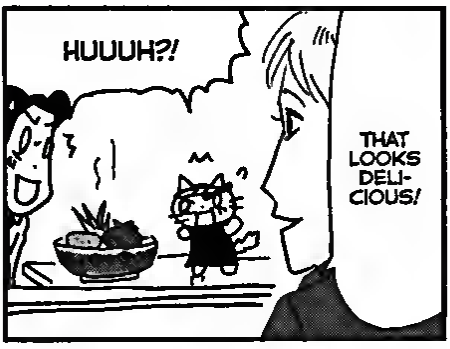
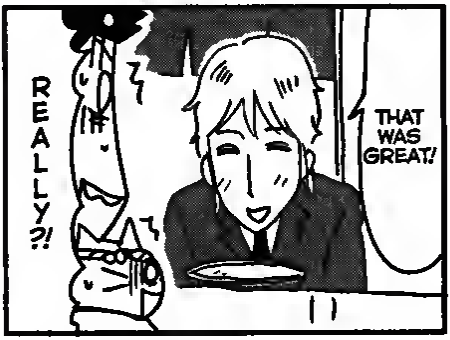
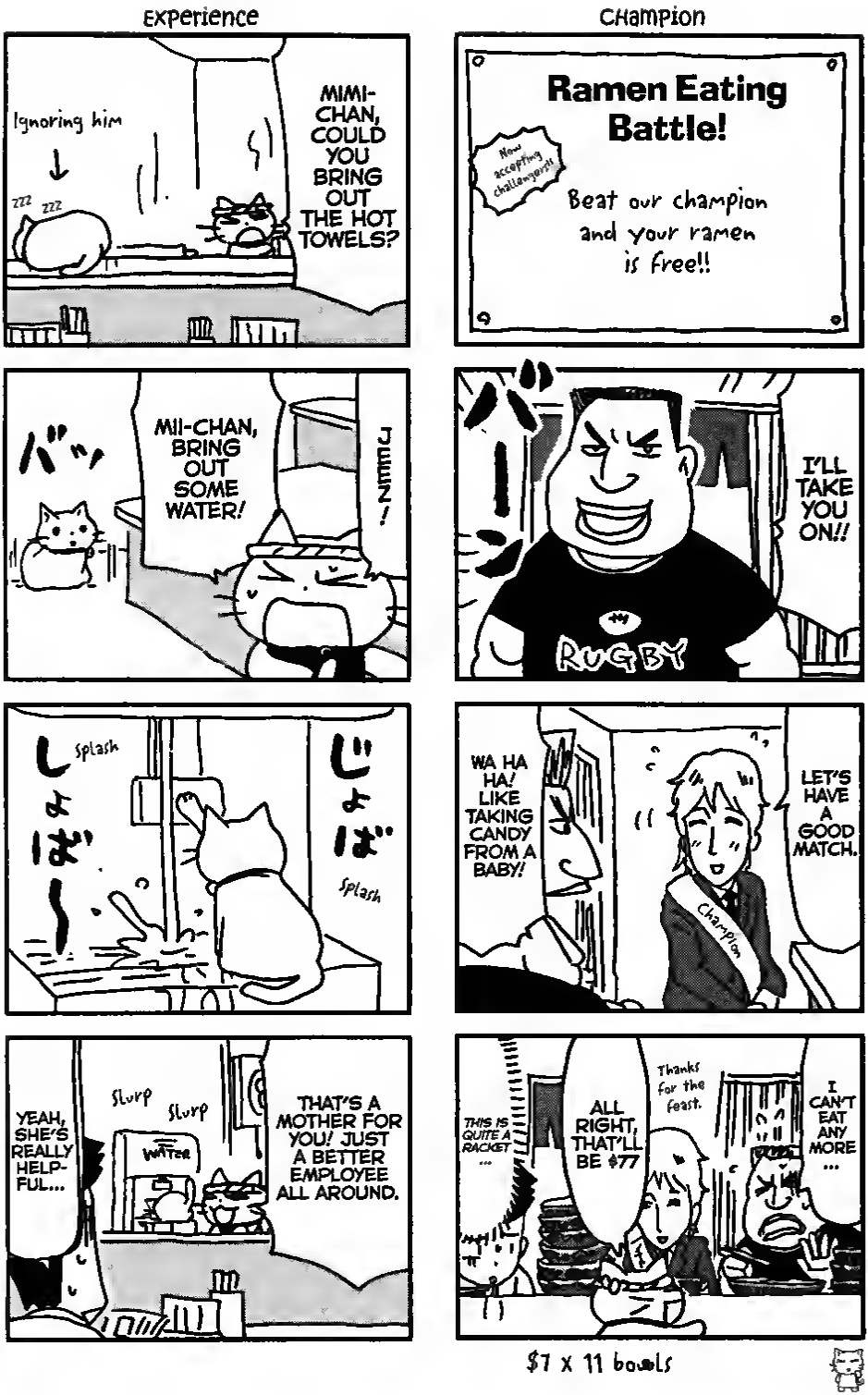


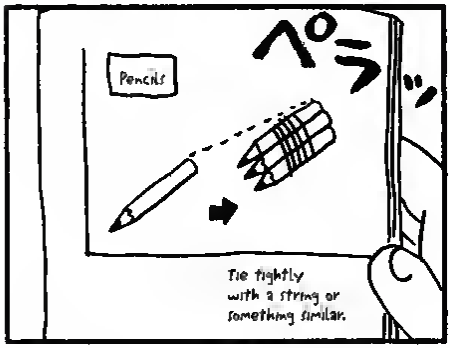


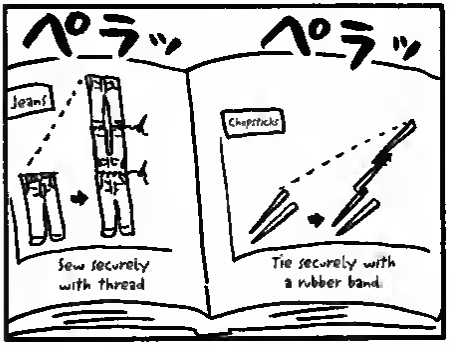


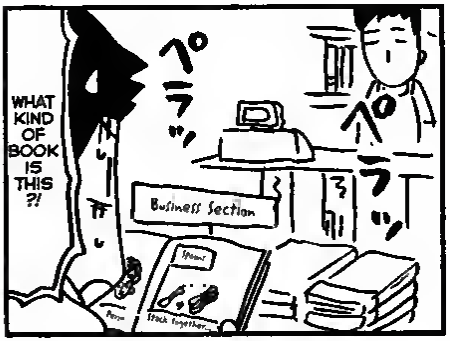


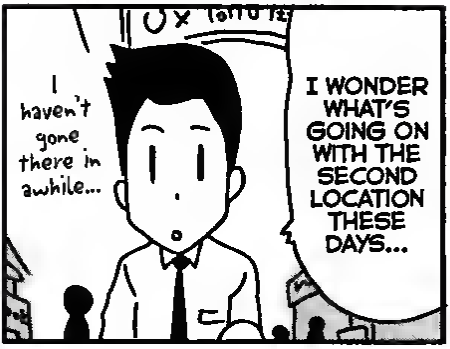

Experience
Champion
Ignoring him
zzz zzz
MIMI-CHAN, COULD YOU BRING OUT THE HOT TOWELS?
Ramen Eating Battle!
Now accepting challengers!
Beat our champion and your ramen is free!!
バン
MII-CHAN, BRING OUT SOME WATER!
Mmm!
I'LL TAKE YOU ON!!
RUGBY
しゃばー
Splash
じょば
Splash
WA HA HA! LIKE TAKING CANDY FROM A BABY!
LET'S HAVE A GOOD MATCH.
Champion
YEAH, SHE'S REALLY HELP-FUL...
Slurp
Slurp
WATER
THAT'S A MOTHER FOR YOU! JUST A BETTER EMPLOYEE ALL AROUND.
THIS IS QUITE A RACKET ...
ALL RIGHT, THAT'LL BE $77
Thanks for the feast.
I CAN'T EAT ANY MORE ...
$7 x 11 bowls

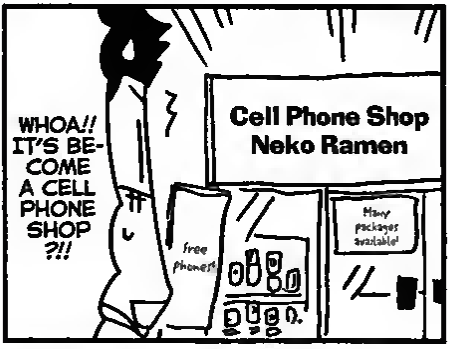
Best Sellers
business section
IT'S THE PROFESSOR'S BOOK !!


Pencils
Tie tightly with a string or something similar.

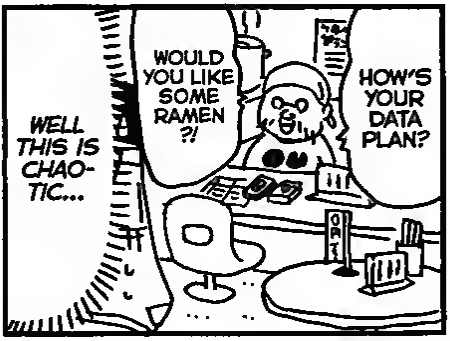

Jeans
Sew securely with thread
Chopsticks
Tie securely with a rubber band.


WHAT KIND OF BOOK IS THIS ?!
Business Section

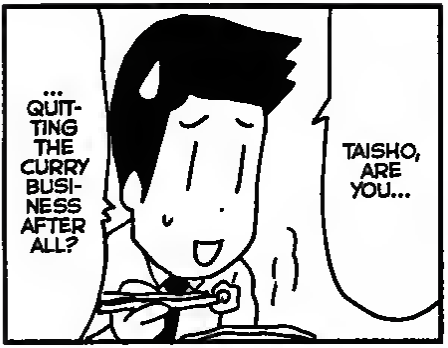

I haven't gone there in awhile...
I WONDER WHAT'S GOING ON WITH THE SECOND LOCATION THESE DAYS...

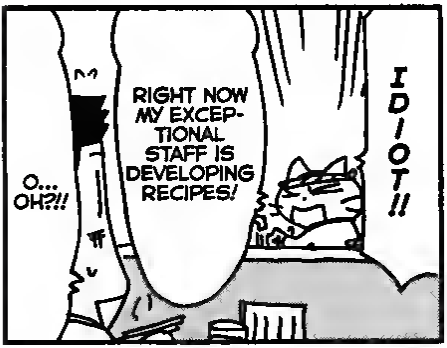

WHOA!! IT'S BECOME A CELL PHONE SHOP ?!!
Cell Phone Shop Neko Ramen
free phones!
Many packages available!

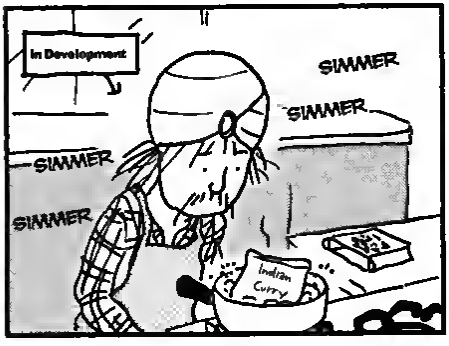
WELCOME !


WELL THIS IS CHAOTIC...
WOULD YOU LIKE SOME RAMEN ?!
HOW'S YOUR DATA PLAN?

Indian Curry







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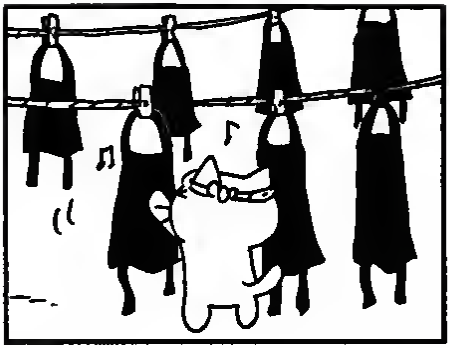

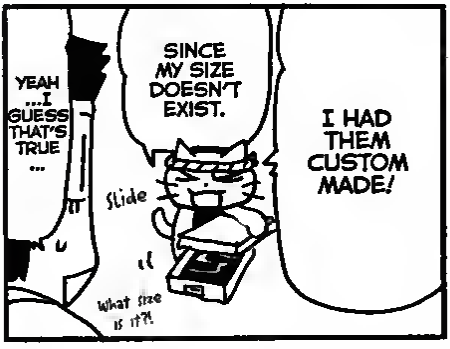

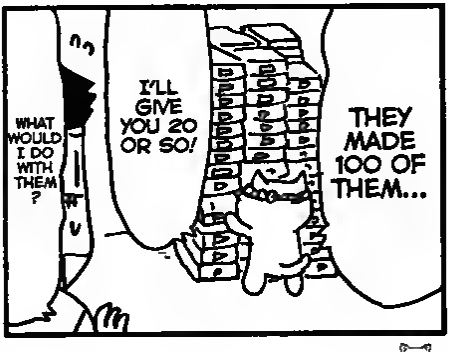

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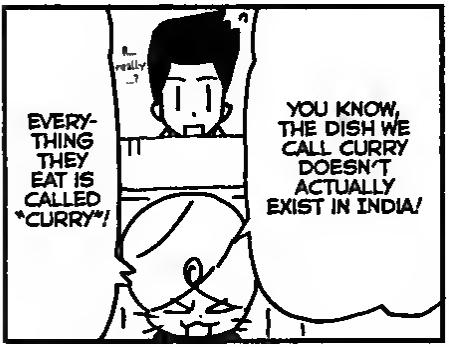

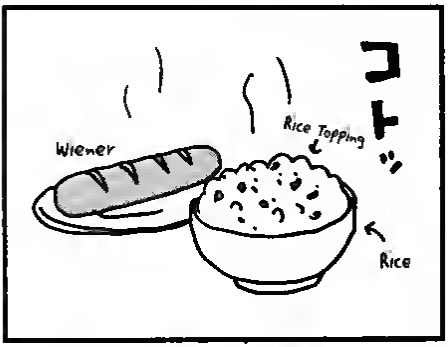

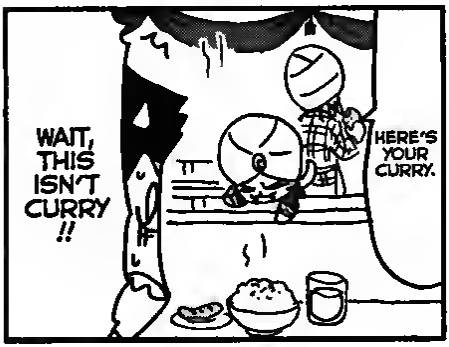

Authentic Neko Curry

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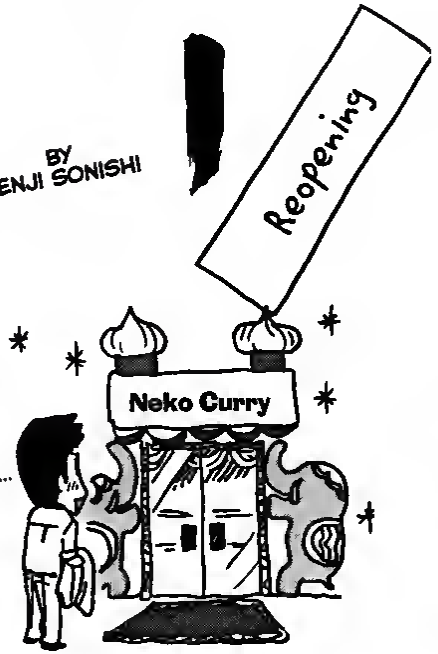
BY KENJI SONISHI



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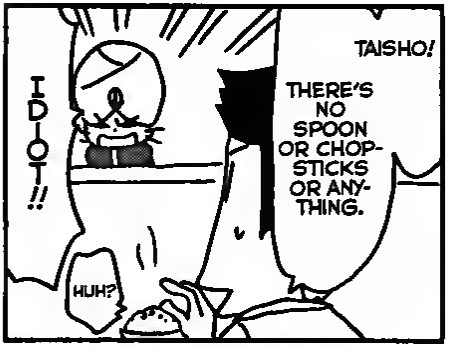

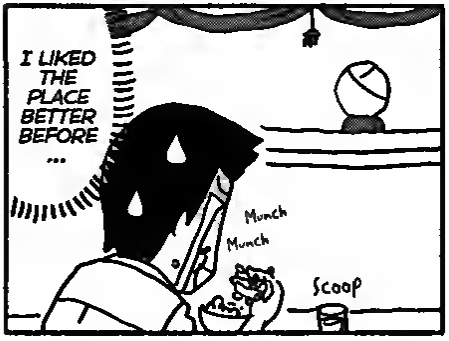

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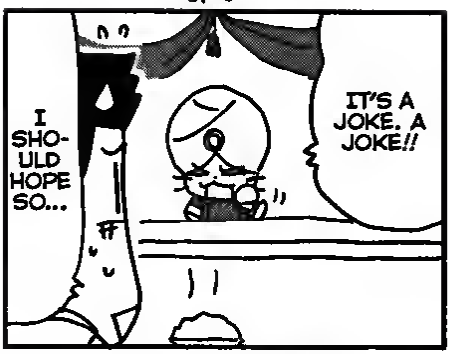

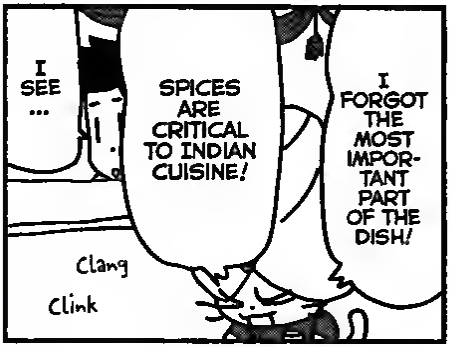

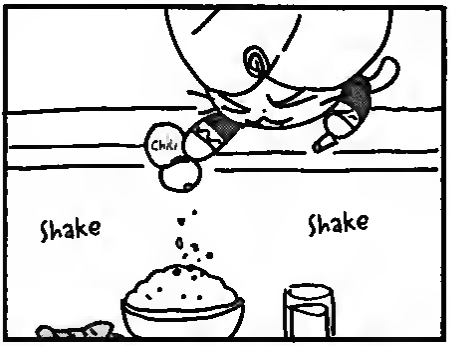

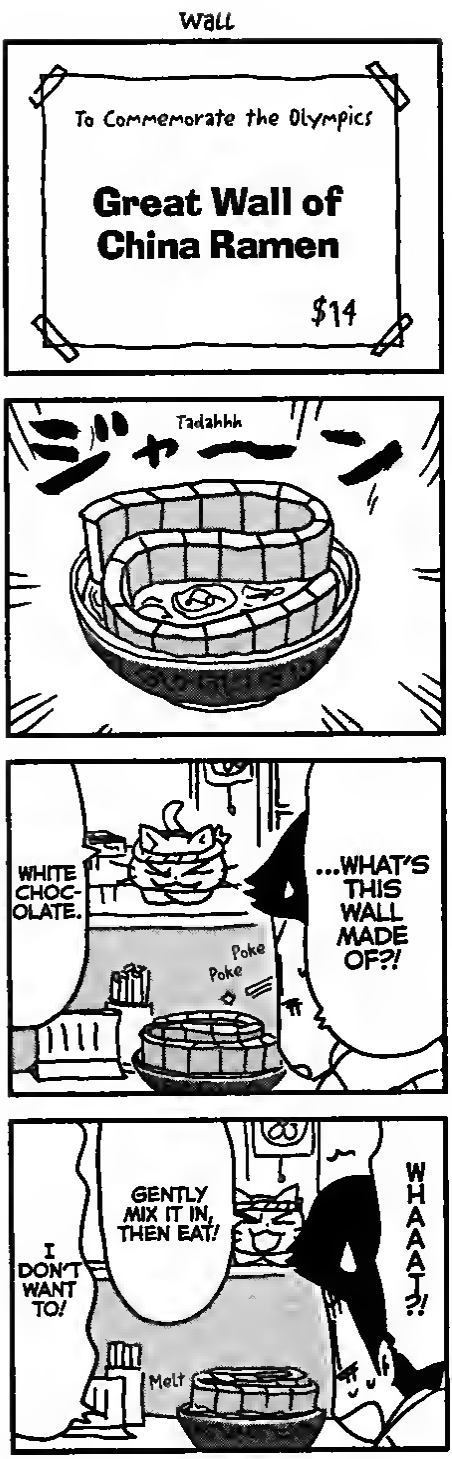

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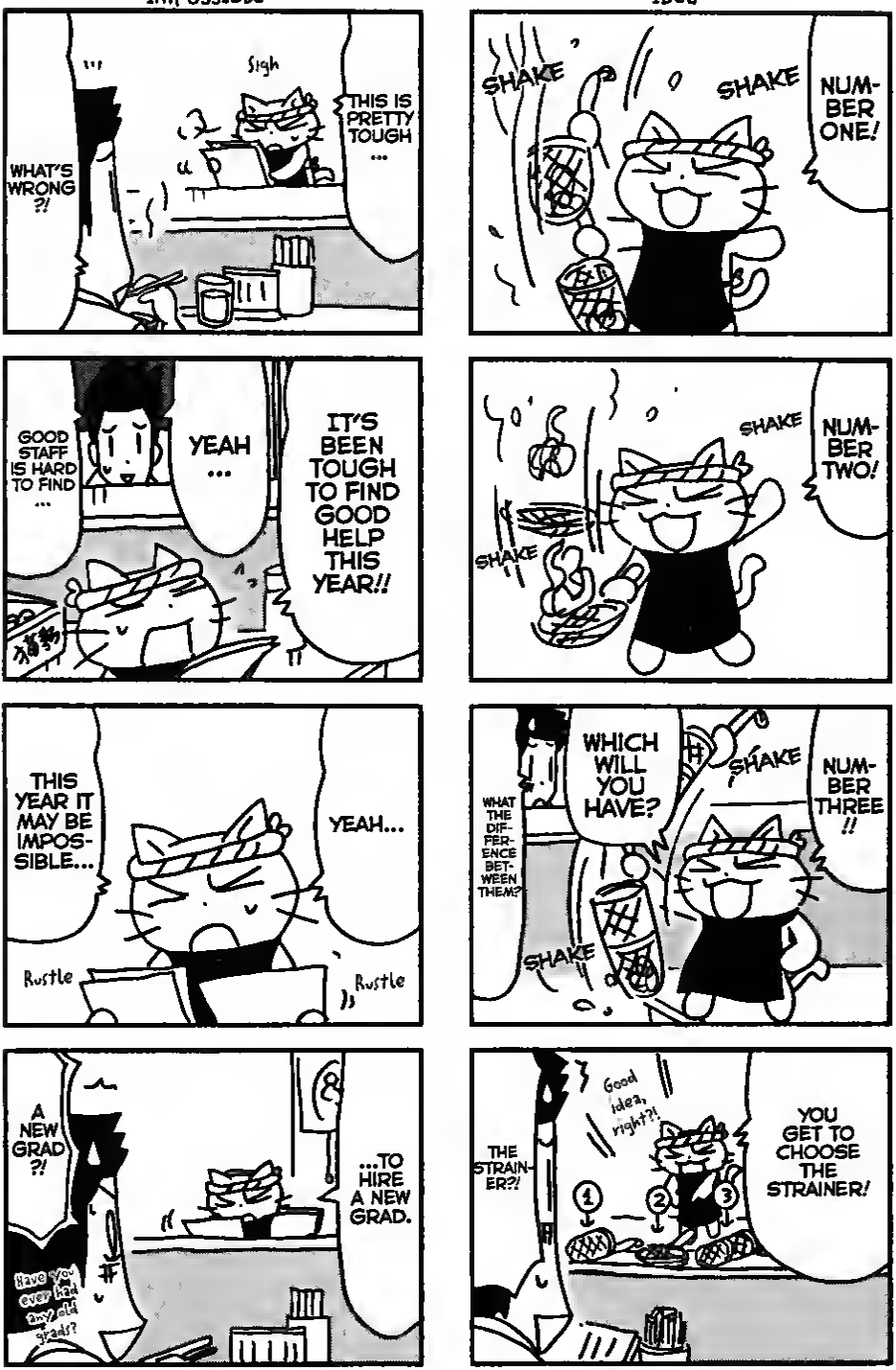
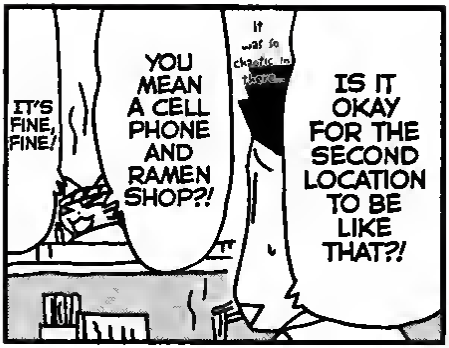
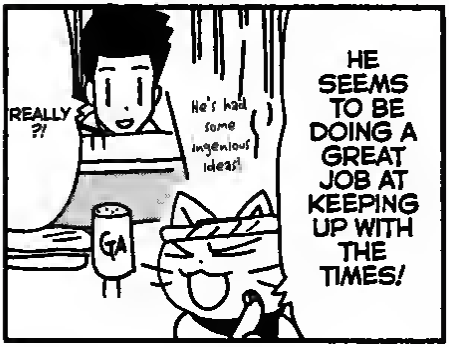
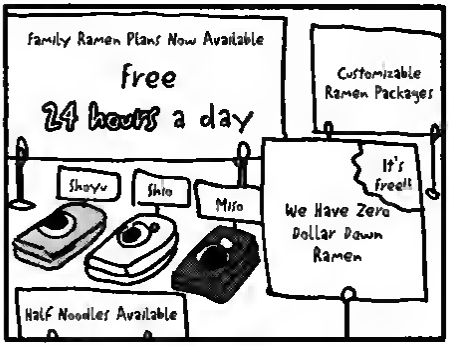
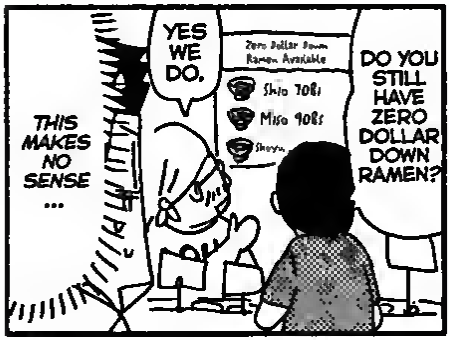

Impossible
Idea
...
Sigh
WHAT'S WRONG ?!
THIS IS PRETTY TOUGH ...
SHAKE
SHAKE
NUM-BER ONE!
GOOD STAFF IS HARD TO FIND ...
YEAH ...
IT'S BEEN TOUGH TO FIND GOOD HELP THIS YEAR!!
SHAKE
SHAKE
NUM-BER TWO!
THIS YEAR IT MAY BE IMPOS-SIBLE...
YEAH...
Rustle
Rustle
WHAT THE DIF-FER-ENCE BET-WEEN THEM?
WHICH WILL YOU HAVE?
SHAKE
SHAKE
NUM-BER THREE !!
A NEW GRAD ?!
...TO HIRE A NEW GRAD.
Have you ever had any old grads?
THE STRAIN-ER?!
Good idea, right?!
1
2
3
YOU GET TO CHOOSE THE STRAINER!

Fine


IT'S FINE, FINE!
YOU MEAN A CELL PHONE AND RAMEN SHOP?!
It was so chaotic in there...
IS IT OKAY FOR THE SECOND LOCATION TO BE LIKE THAT?!







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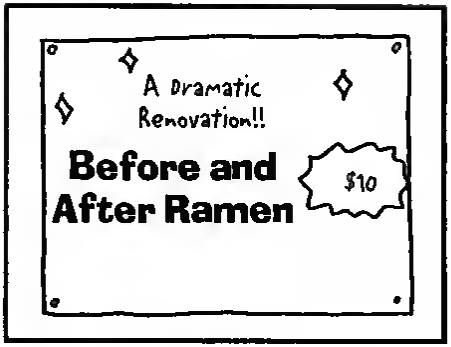

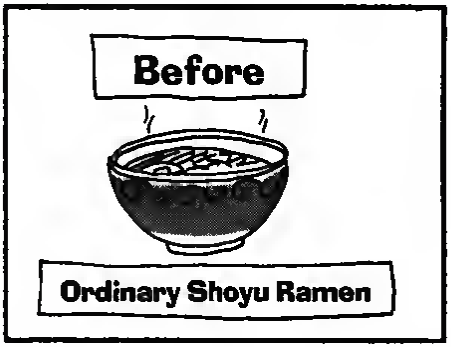

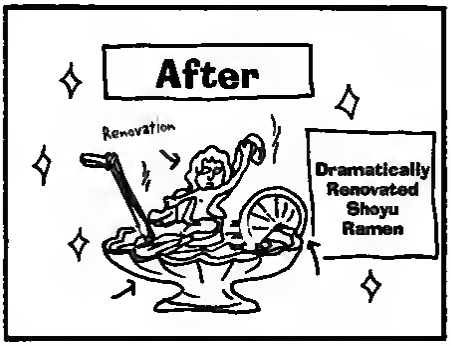

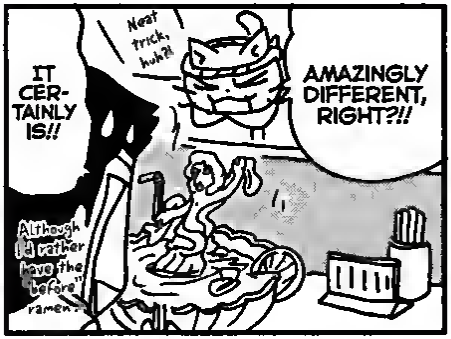

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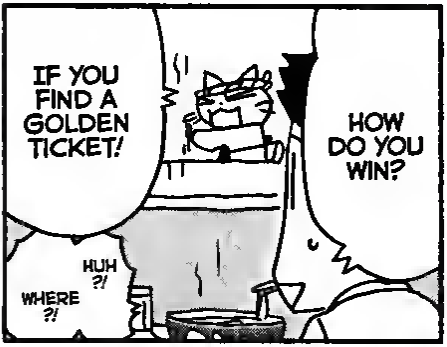

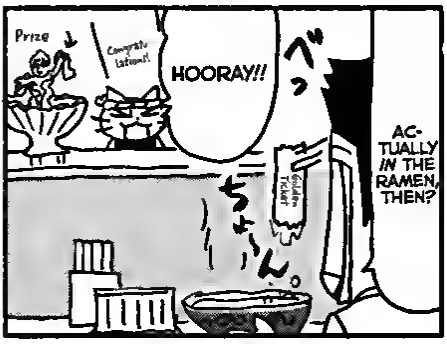

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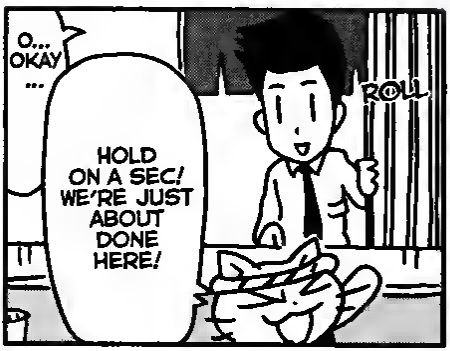

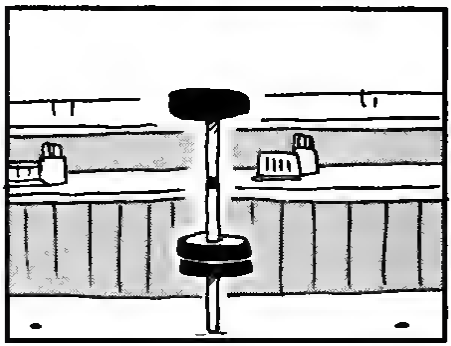

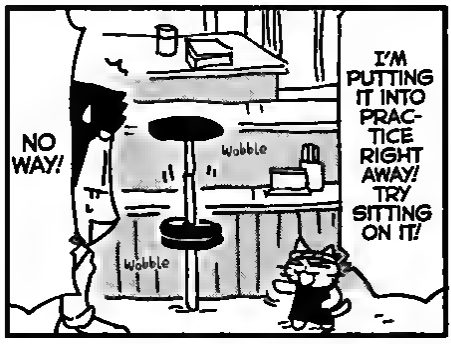

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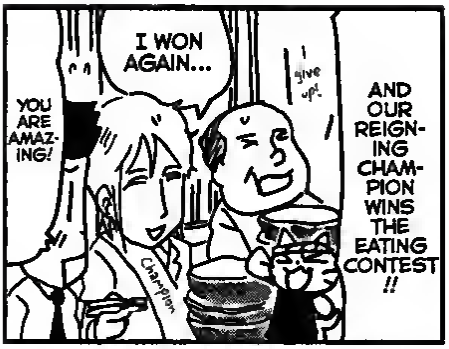

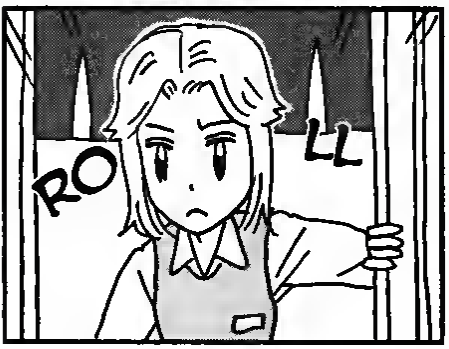

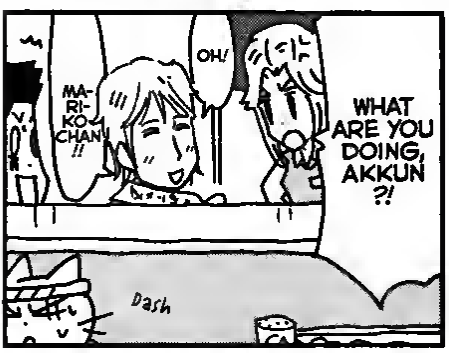

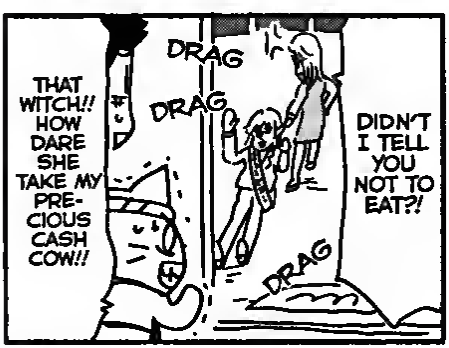

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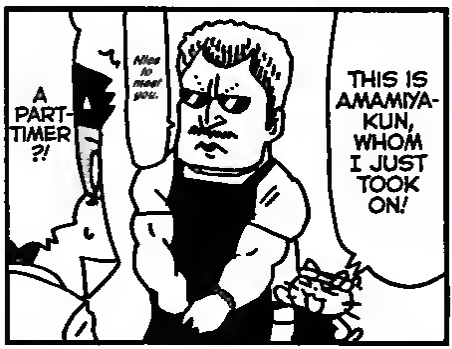

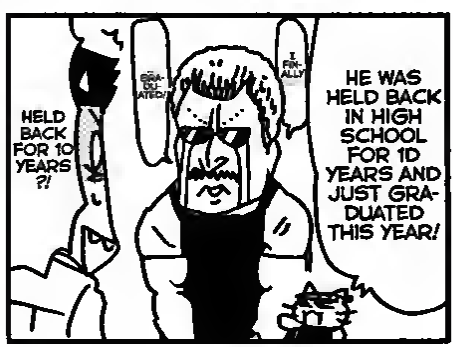

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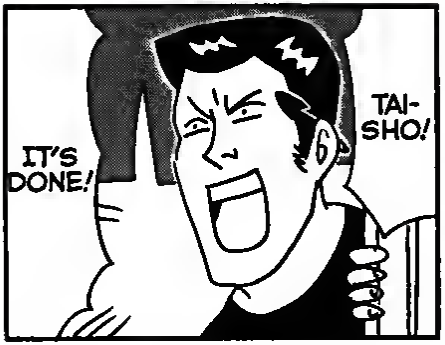

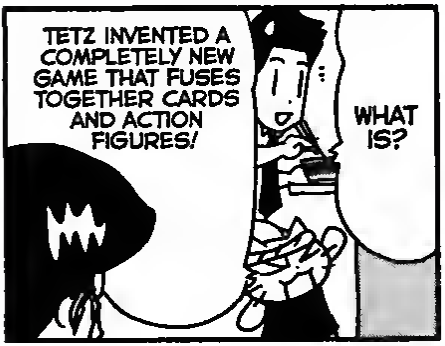

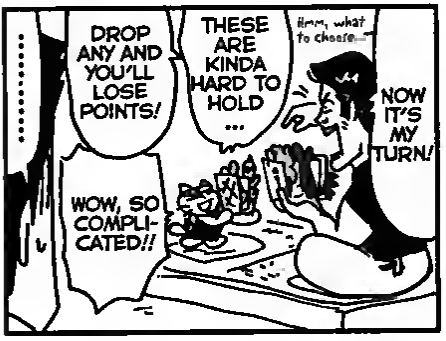

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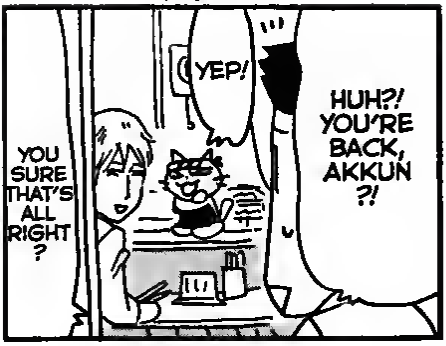
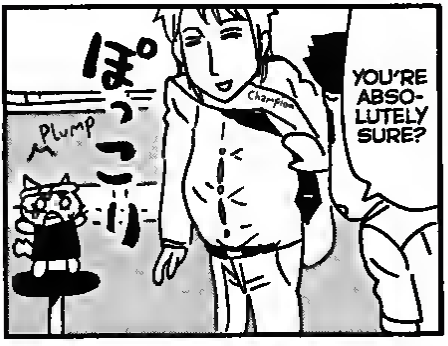
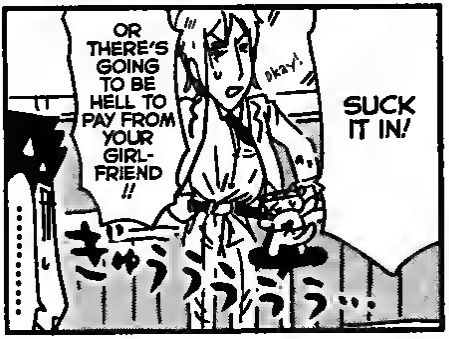
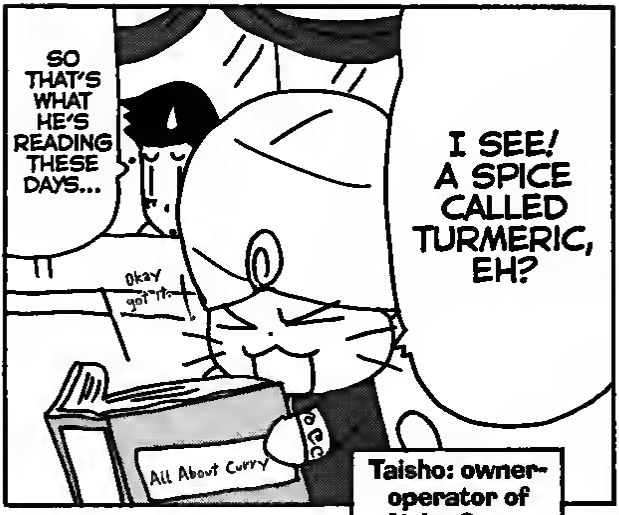


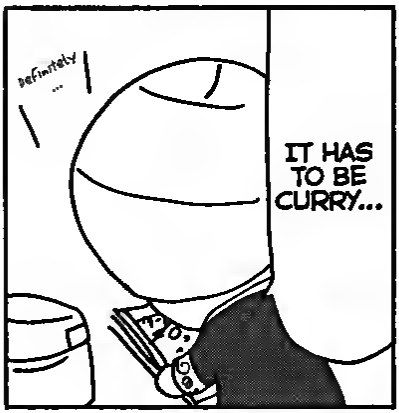






Taisho: owner-operator of Neko Curry

SIGN: NEKO CURRY



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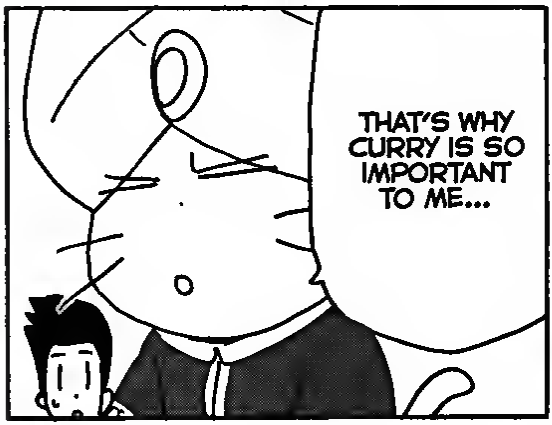
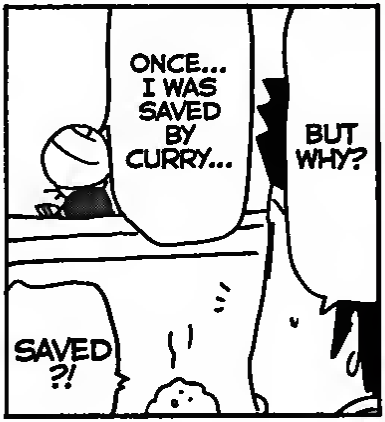
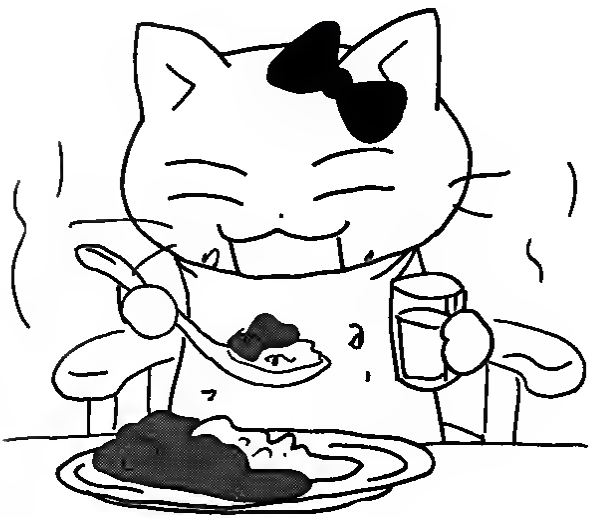
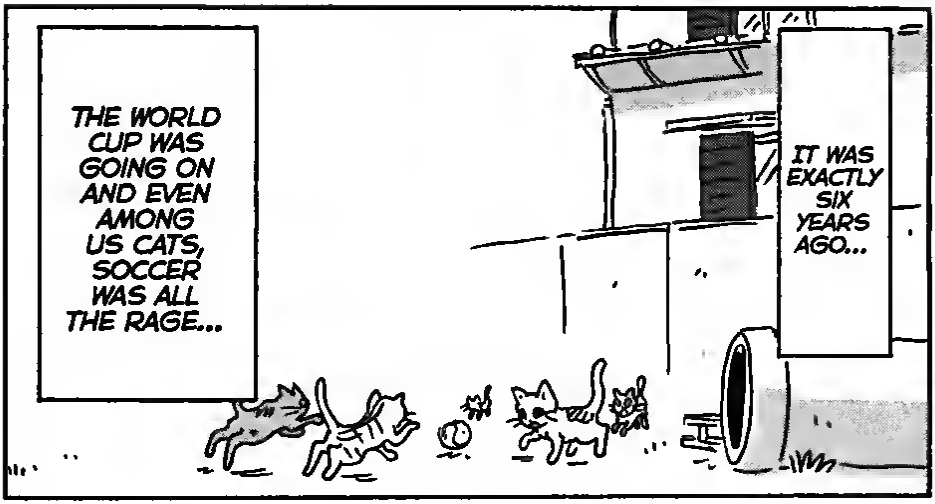


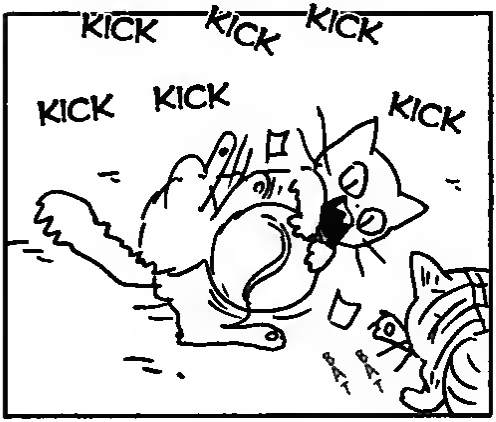


Neko Ramen Special Chapter

Taisho and Curry




THE WORLD CUP WAS GOING ON AND EVEN AMONG US CATS, SOCCER WAS ALL THE RAGE...
IT WAS EXACTLY SIX YEARS AGO...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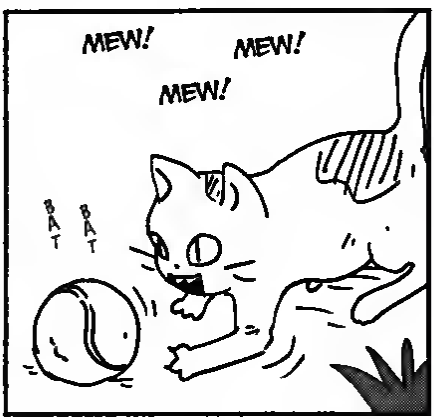
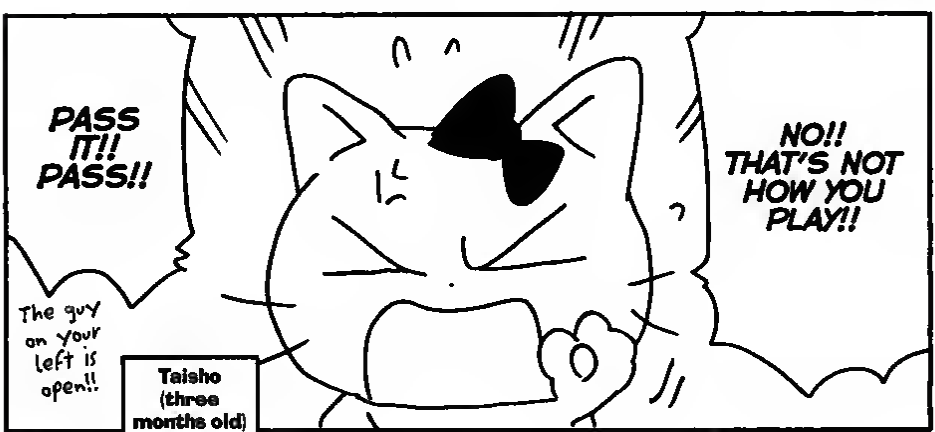
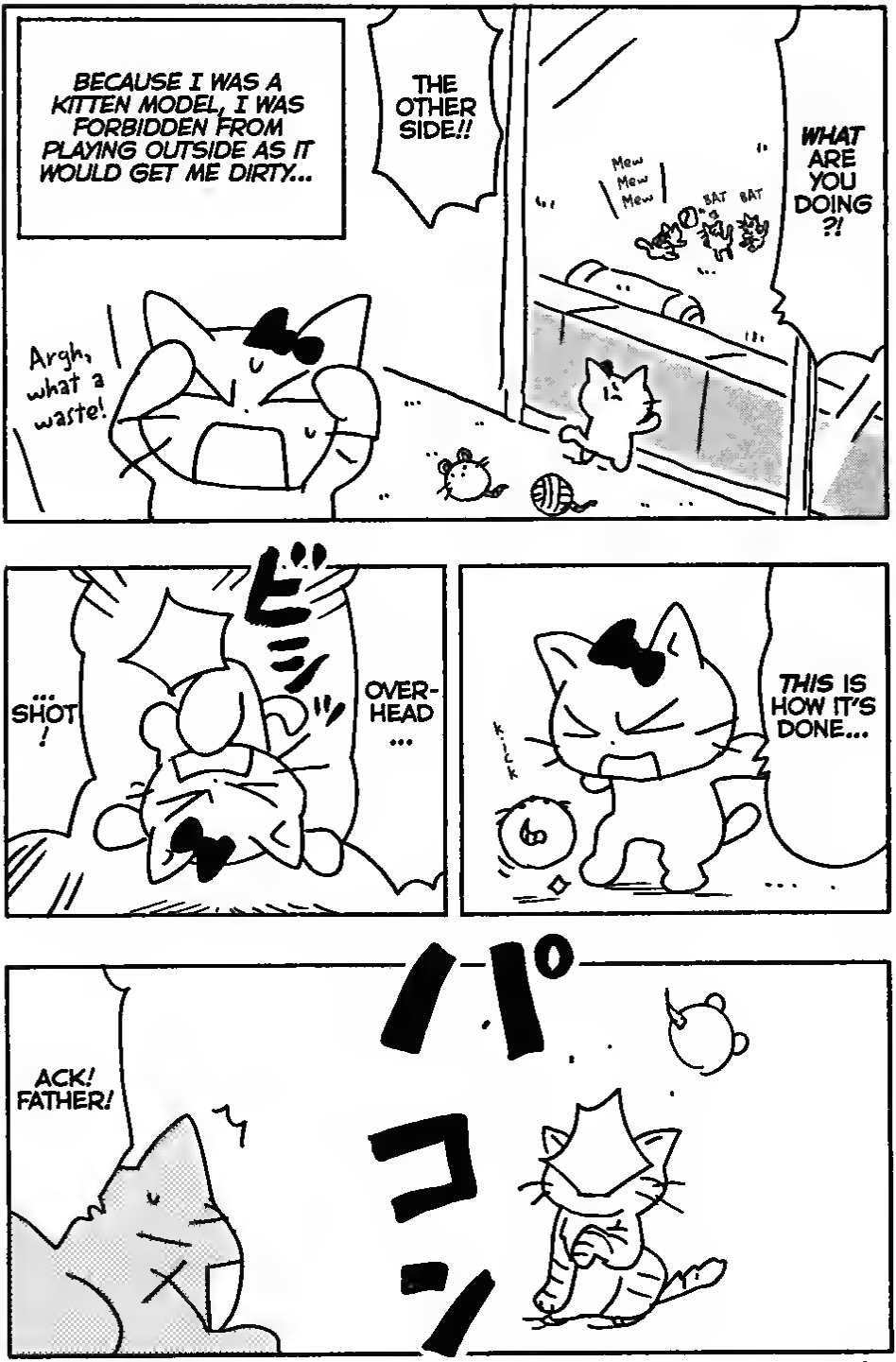
BAT
BAT


MEW!
MEW!
MEW!
BAT
BAT


PASS IT!! PASS!!
NO!! THAT'S NOT HOW YOU PLAY!!
The guy on your left is open!!
Taisho (three months old)


BECAUSE I WAS A KITTEN MODEL, I WAS FORBIDDEN FROM PLAYING OUTSIDE AS IT WOULD GET ME DIRTY...
THE OTHER SIDE!!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING ?!
Mew Mew Mew
BAT BAT
Argh, what a waste!
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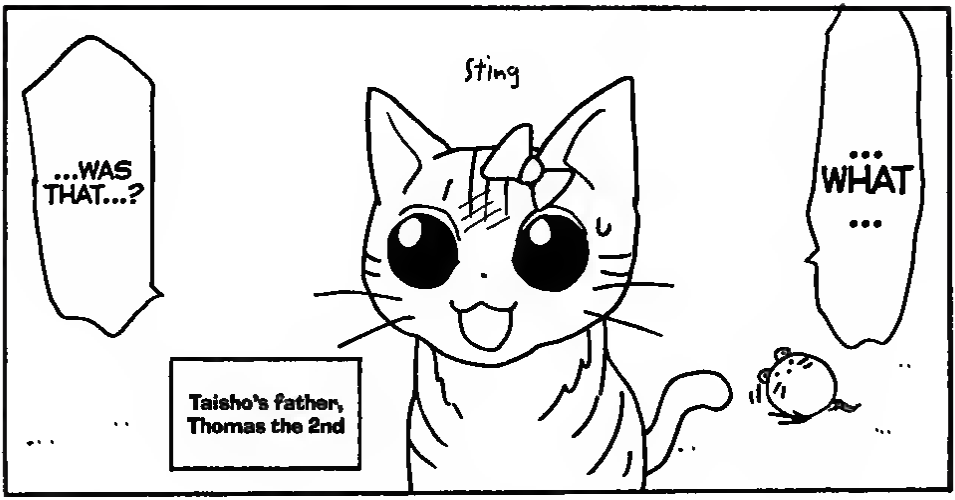
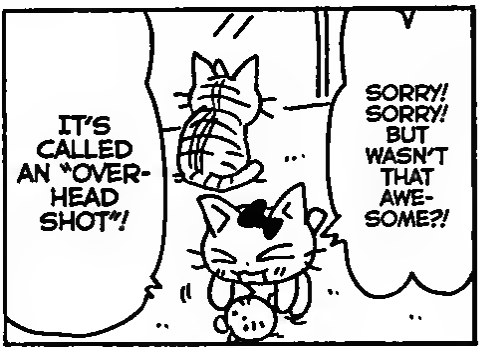
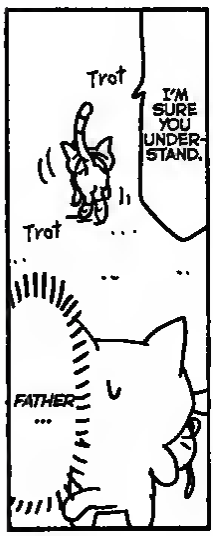
...SHOT!
OVER-HEAD...
KICK
THIS IS HOW IT'S DONE...
ACK! FATHER!
パコン

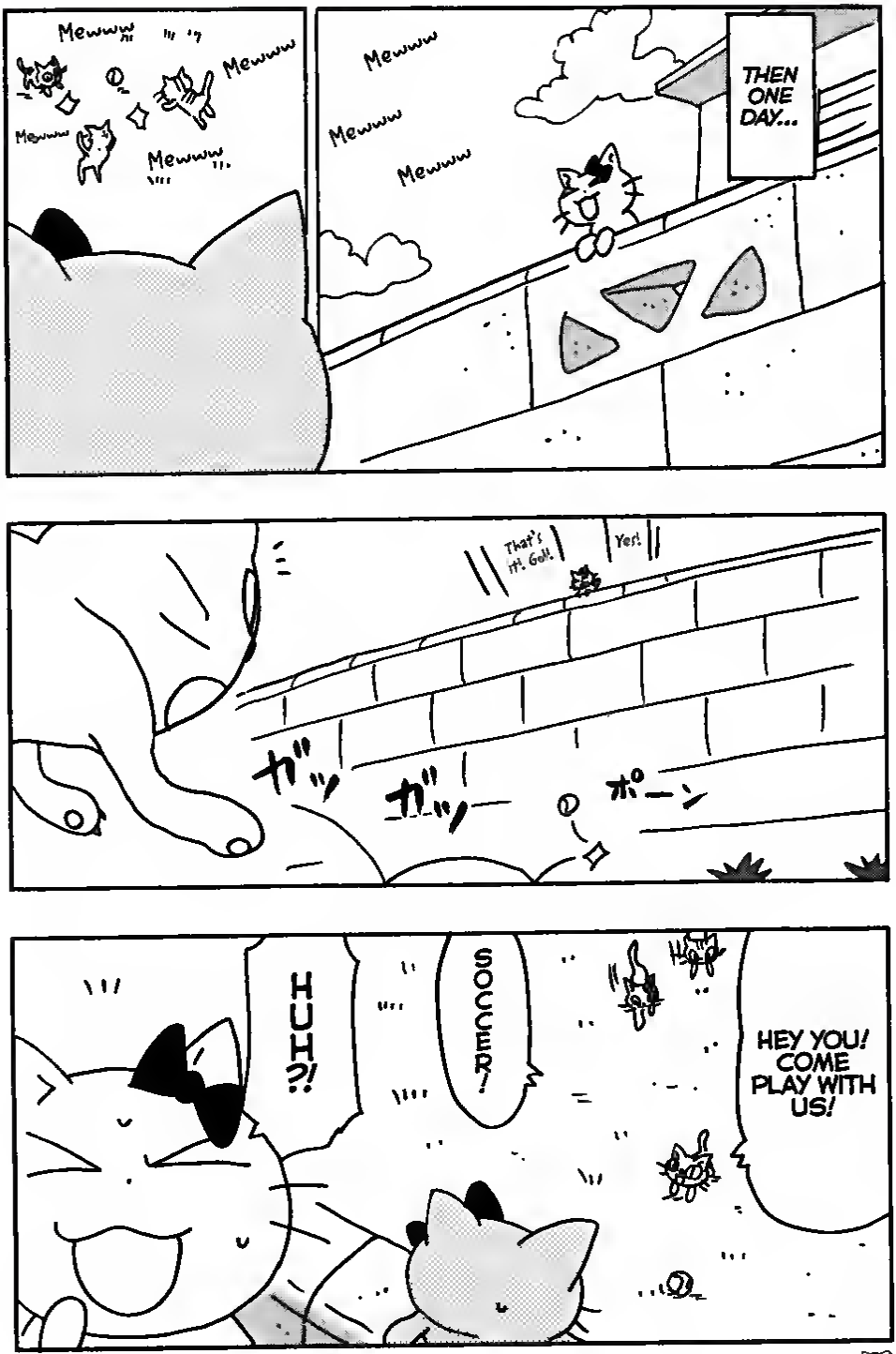

...WAS THAT...?
Sting
...WHAT...
Taisho's father, Thomas the 2nd

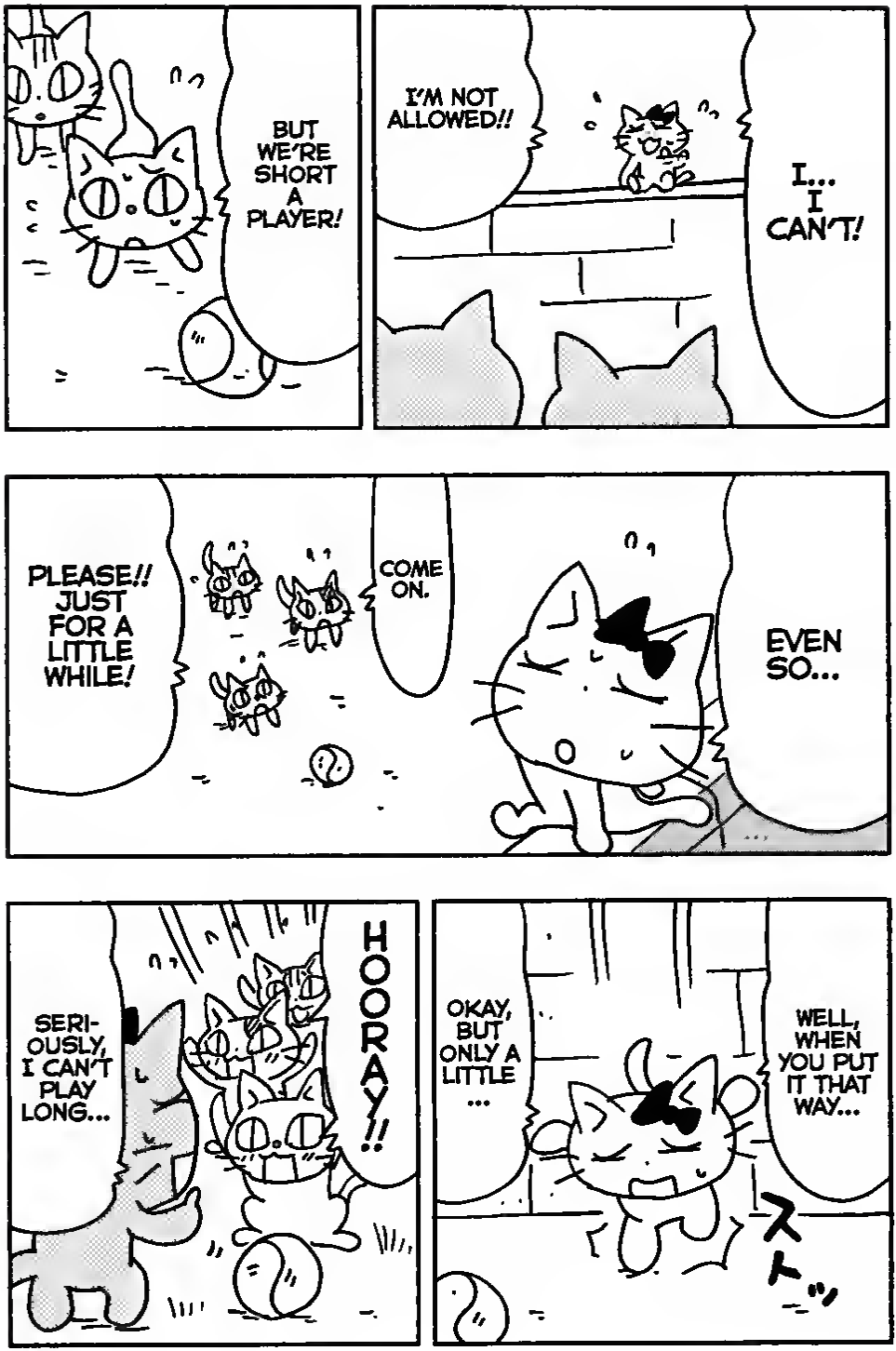
HUH?!
DON'T EVER DO THAT AGAIN!


IT'S CALLED AN "OVER-HEAD SHOT"!
SORRY! SORRY! BUT WASN'T THAT AWE-SOME?!


Trot
I'M SURE YOU UNDER-STAND.
Trot
FATHER...

PLAYING SOCCER IS OUT OF THE QUES-TION!!
Lick
Lick
YOUR FUR MUST NEVER BE OUT OF PLACE!
LOOKS ARE EVERY-THING TO CAT MODELS LIKE US!


Mewww
Mewww
Mewww
Mewww
Mewww
Mewww
Mewww
THEN ONE DAY...
That's it. Go!!
Yes!
ガッ
ガッ
ポーン
HUH?!
SOCCER?
HEY YOU! COME PLAY WITH US!


BUT WE'RE SHORT A PLAYER!
I'M NOT ALLOWED!!
I... I CAN'T!
PLEASE!! JUST FOR A LITTLE WHILE!
COME ON.
EVEN SO...
SERI-OUSLY, I CAN'T PLAY LONG...
HOORAY!!
OKAY, BUT ONLY A LITTLE ...
WELL, WHEN YOU PUT IT THAT WAY...
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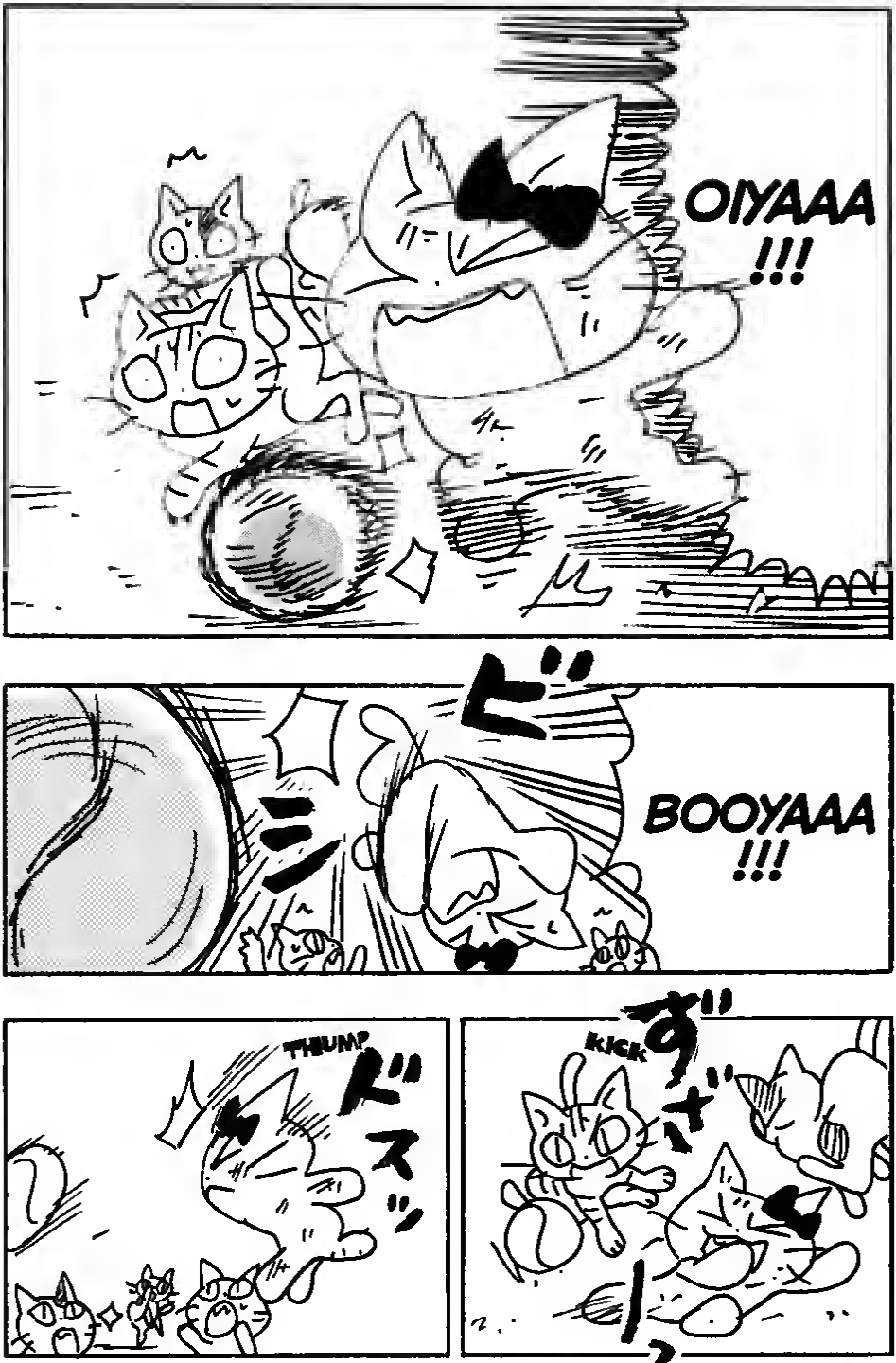
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BOOYAAA
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THUMP
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KICK
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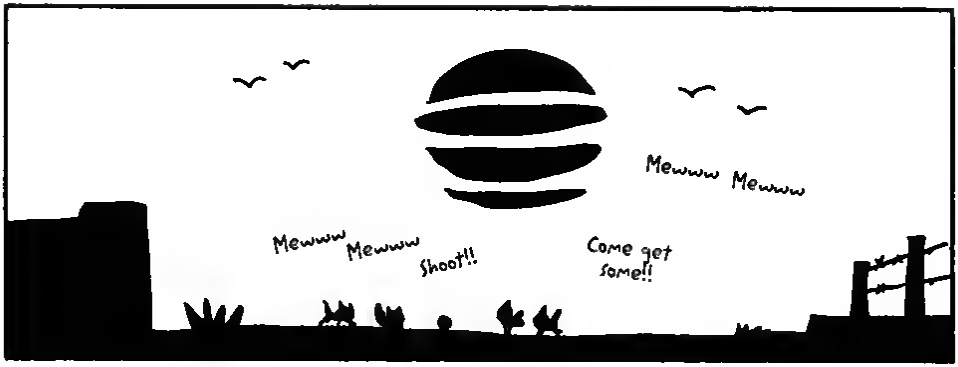
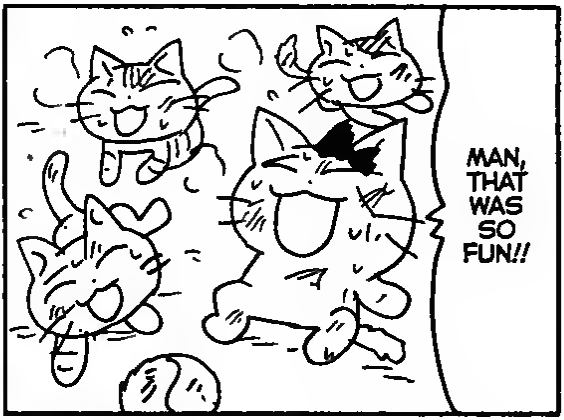
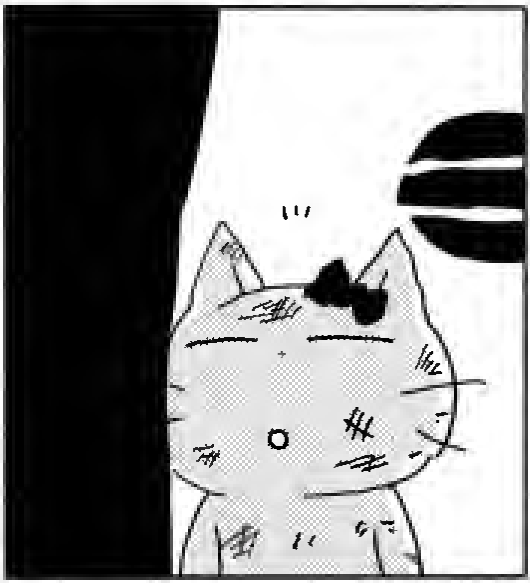
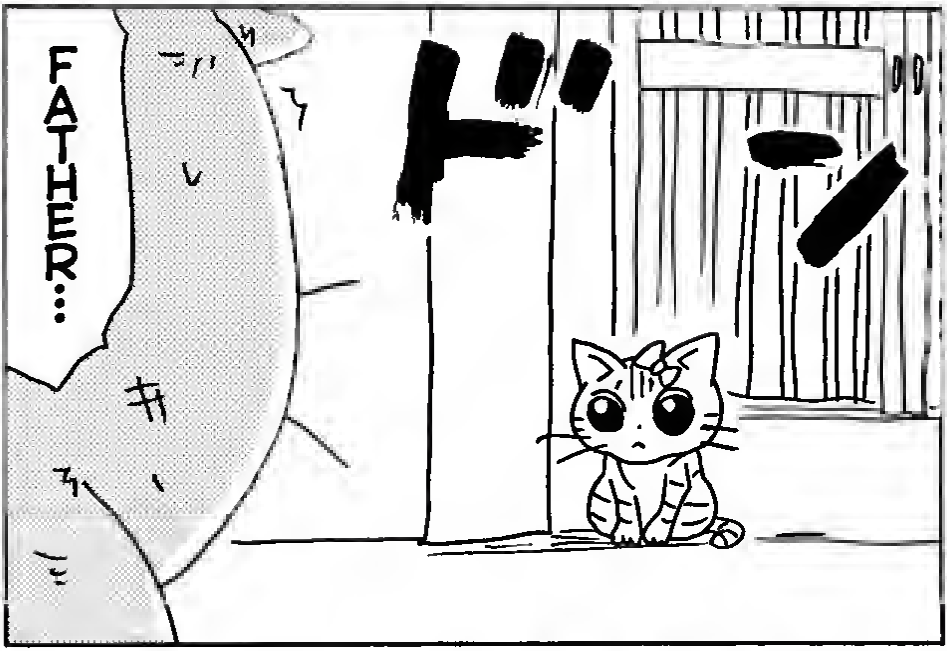
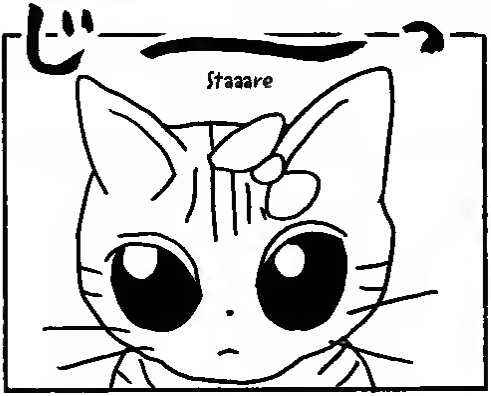

Mewww Mewww
Mewww Mewww
Shoot!!
Come get some!!

YEAH!
SEE YOU TO-MORROW!


MAN, THAT WAS SO FUN!!




FATHER...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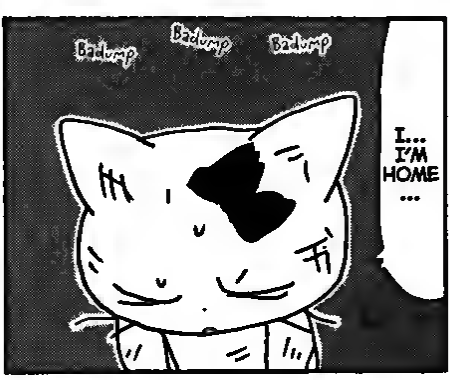
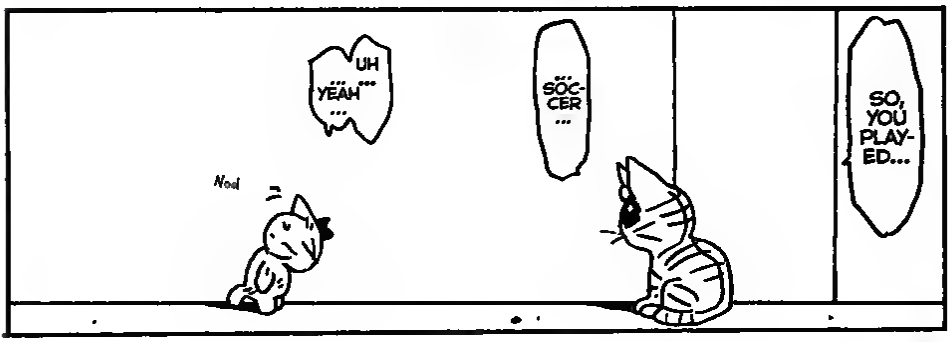
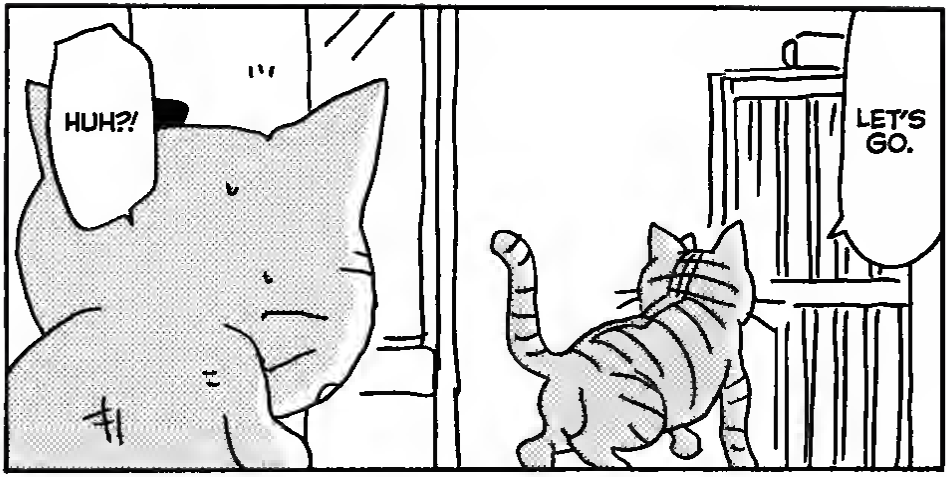
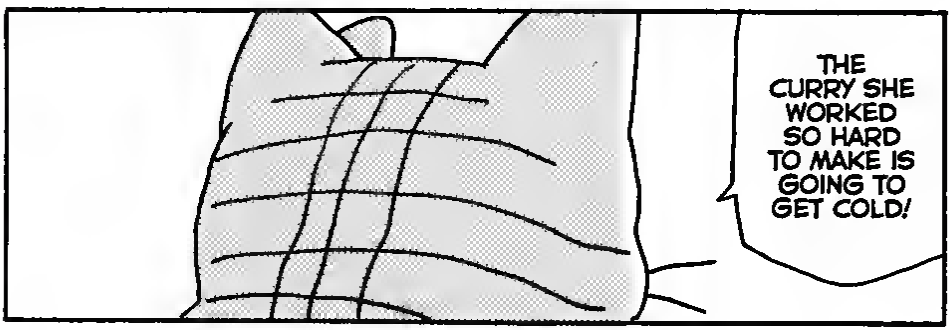
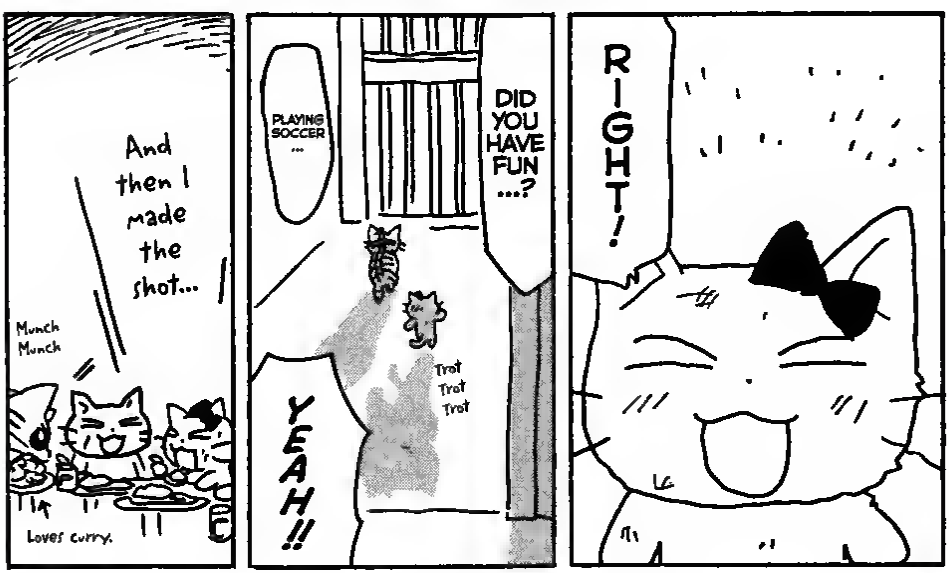

Badump
Badump
Badump
I... I'M HOME ...

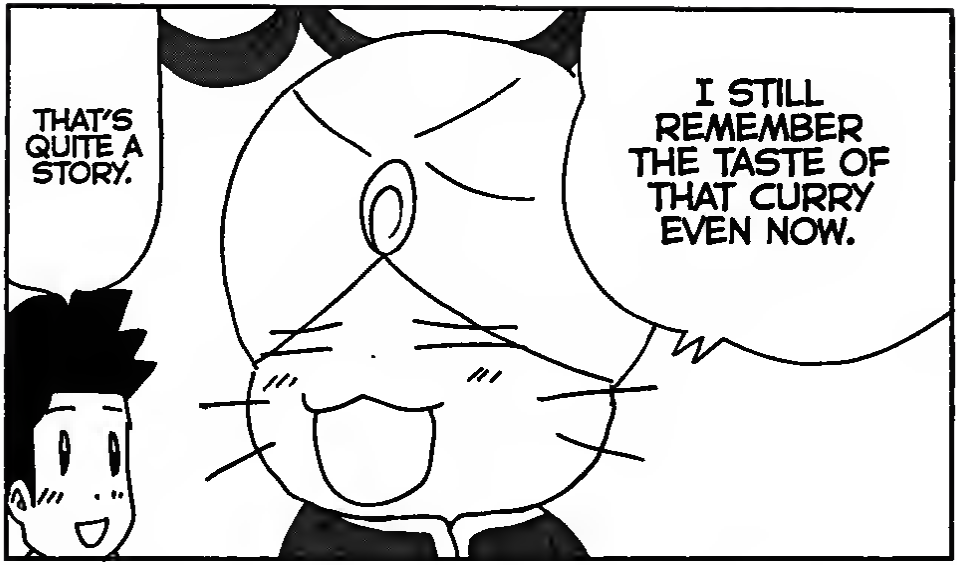

UH YEAH...
Nod
...SOC-CER...
SO, YOU PLAY-ED...

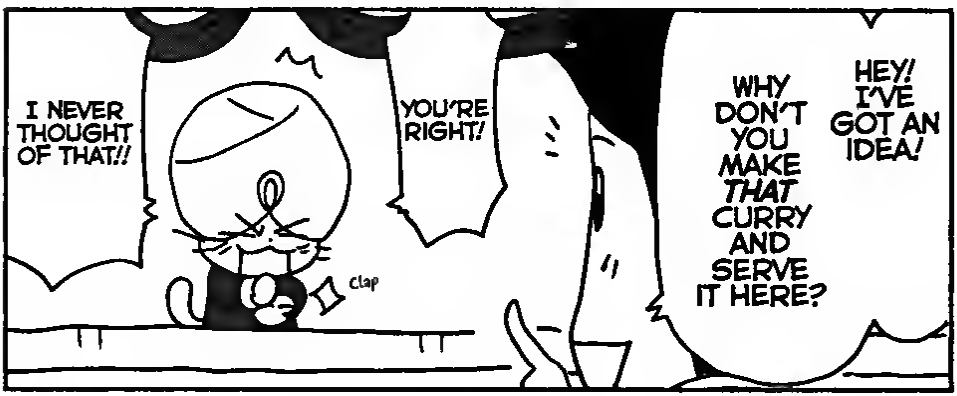
HE WON'T FORGIVE ME...
IT'S NO USE!!
FURY
FURY
FURY
THE CURRY IS READY!
ROLL
ROLL
CLICK
THE CURRY WILL GET COLD!
WHAT ARE YOU TWO DOING OUT HERE?!

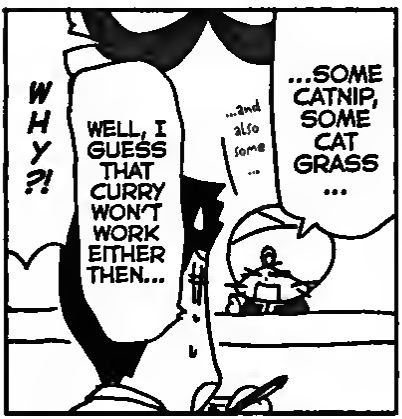

HUH?!
LET'S GO.

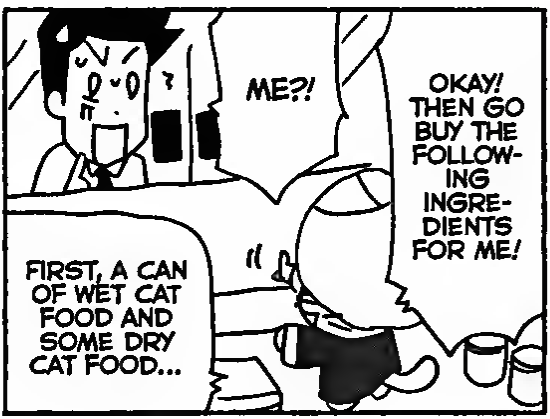

THE CURRY SHE WORKED SO HARD TO MAKE IS GOING TO GET COLD!


And then I made the shot...
Munch Munch
Loves curry.
PLAYING SOCCER ...
DID YOU HAVE FUN ...?
Trot Trot Trot
YEAH!!
RIGHT!


THAT'S QUITE A STORY.
I STILL REMEMBER THE TASTE OF THAT CURRY EVEN NOW.


I NEVER THOUGHT OF THAT!!
YOU'RE RIGHT!
clap
WHY DON'T YOU MAKE THAT CURRY AND SERVE IT HERE?
HEY! I'VE GOT AN IDEA!


WHY?!
WELL, I GUESS THAT CURRY WON'T WORK EITHER THEN...
...and also some...
...SOME CATNIP, SOME CAT GRASS ...


ME?!
FIRST, A CAN OF WET CAT FOOD AND SOME DRY CAT FOOD...
OKAY! THEN GO BUY THE FOLLOWING INGREDIENTS FOR ME!

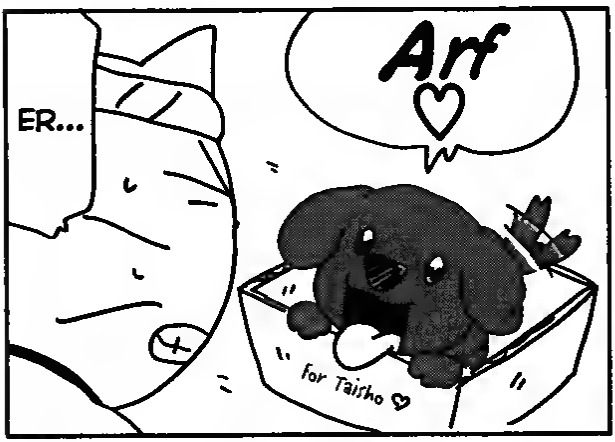
Neko Ramen Special Chapter

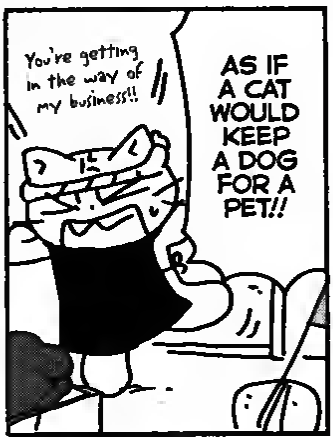
"Soup"

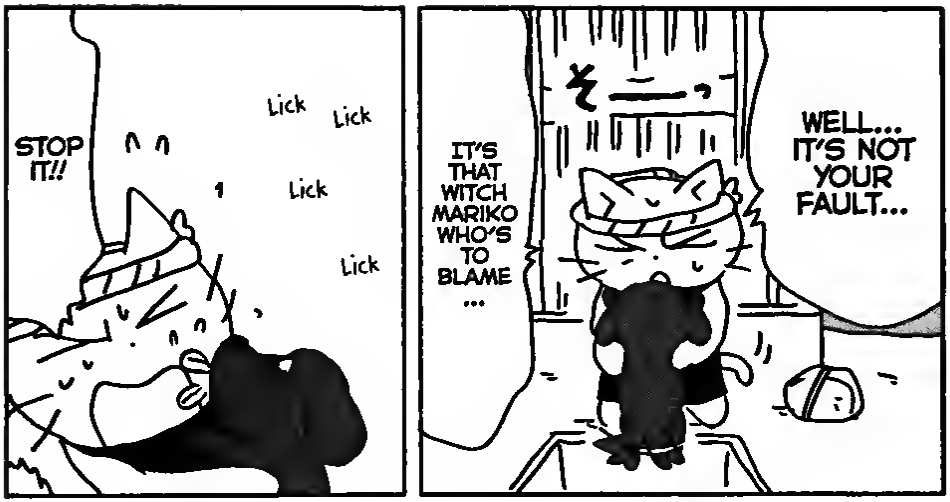
for Taisho

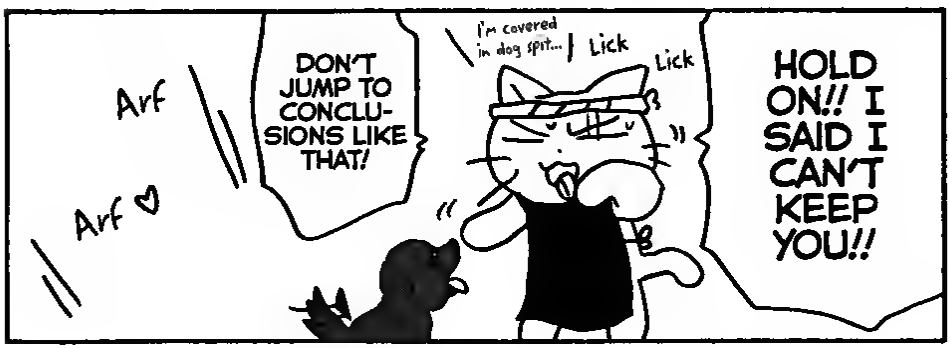
THAT WITCH MA-RIKO ...
Taisho: Mary had puppies so I'm giving You one.
Mariko

WHO LEFT HIM HERE?!
WHOA!! WHAT THE HECK IS THIS?!
Baroo


ER...
Arf
for Taisho


You're getting in the way of my business!!
AS IF A CAT WOULD KEEP A DOG FOR A PET!!

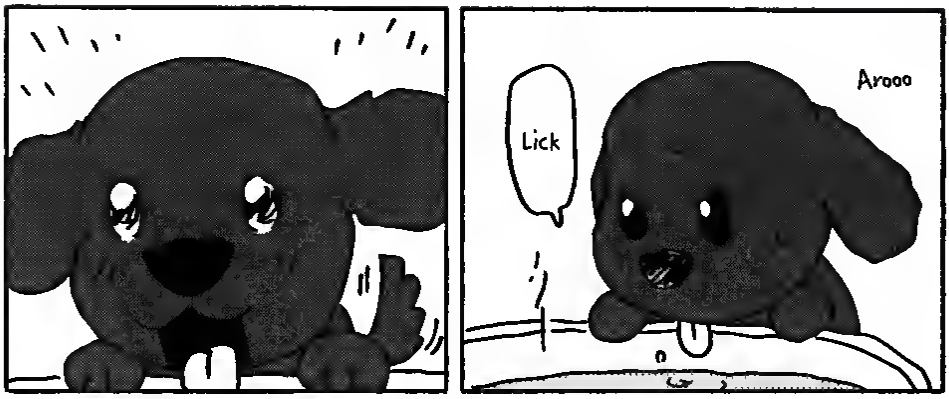

STOP IT!!
Lick
Lick
Lick
Lick
IT'S THAT WITCH MARIKO WHO'S TO BLAME ...
WELL... IT'S NOT YOUR FAULT...


Arf
Arf
DON'T JUMP TO CONCLU-SIONS LIKE THAT!
I'm covered in dog spit...
Lick
Lick
HOLD ON!! I SAID I CAN'T KEEP YOU!!

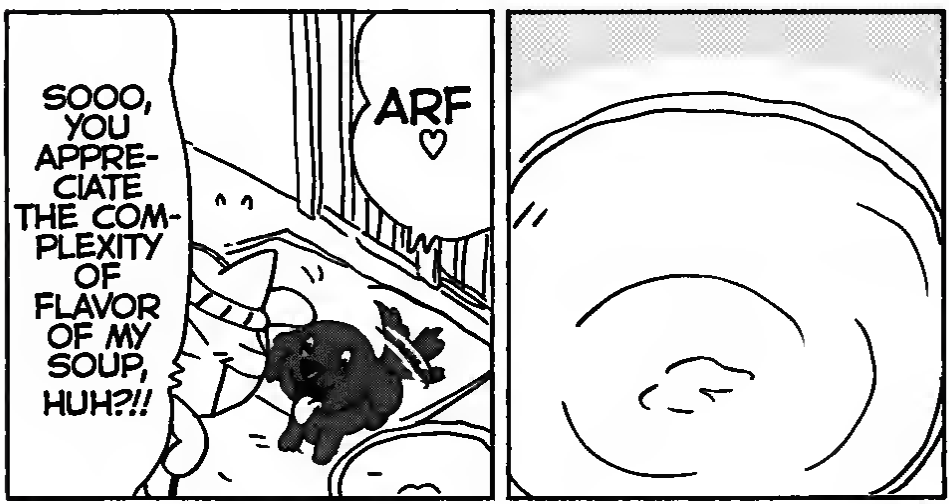
WHAT'S WRONG? ARE YOU FEELING ILL?!
WHA... WHAT THE HECK JUST HAPPEN-ED?!
Arrrrn

Wobble
Wobble
Flop

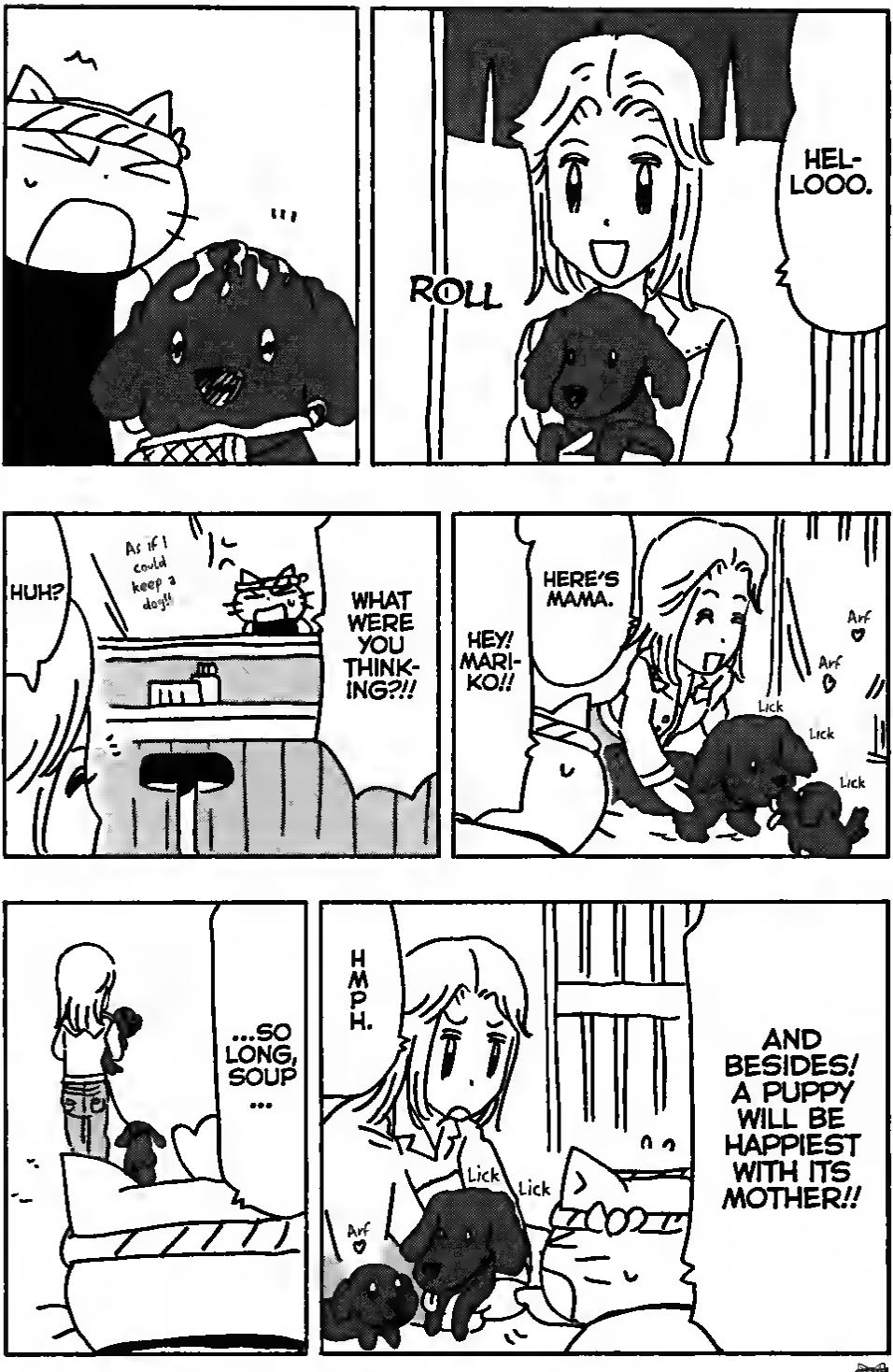
WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO DO ABOUT IT...
YOU'RE HUNGRY?!
Rumblllle
Rumble
Shut
...WHICH MEANS...
GUESS THAT'S MY ONLY OPTION...
LOOKS LIKE I DON'T HAVE ANY MILK NOW...
WHAT DOES A DOG EAT...?
コトッ
Soup
HERE YOU GO! SORRY TO KEEP YOU WAITING!!


Lick
Arooo

OOOOH!!
LICK
LICK
LICK
LICK
LICK
LICK


SOOO, YOU APPRE-CIATE THE COM-PLEXITY OF FLAVOR OF MY SOUP, HUH?!!
ARF

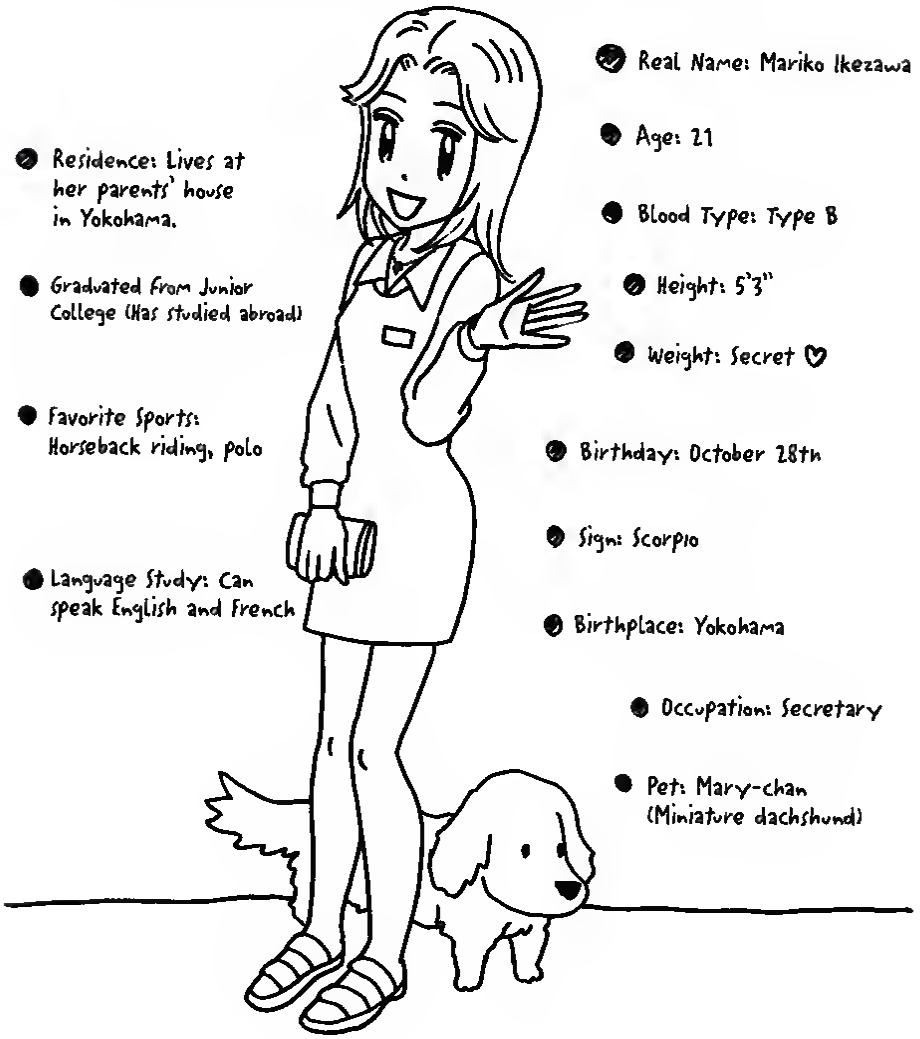
Roll
Arf
Arf
I'LL FEED YOU SOME CHAR SIU TOO!
OKAY! SOUP!!
ALL RIGHT! YOUR NAME IS "SOUP"!!
ARF
I'll take you someplace fun!!
Arf Arf
If you're a man, you can eat it all!!
Scarf Scarf
ポカ
ポカ
バーン
A ha ha! You're impossible!
Shake
Shake
That one, huh?
Which one?
Arf Arf
Heeey!
ガシャーン
Crash!!


ROLL
HEL-
LOOO.
HUH?
As if I could keep a dog!!
WHAT WERE YOU THINK-ING?!!
HEY! MARI-KO!!
HERE'S MAMA.
Arf
Arf
Lick
Lick
Lick
...SO LONG, SOUP ...
HMPH.
Lick
Lick
Arf
AND BESIDES! A PUPPY WILL BE HAPPIEST WITH ITS MOTHER!!

WHAT A MESS...
Jeez ...
SPLOSH
AWWW ...
SPLOSH
HE'S ACT-UALLY GONE, HUH...
.....
Pant
Pant
Pant
Pant
AND IN THE END, I KEPT HIM...
All right, let's go soup!!
Arf
Arf
Arf
WHA... WHAT IS IT?!
Lick
Lick
Lick
Lick
Lick
SOUP!!!
ARF

Extra!

THIS IS MARIKO-CHAN!!

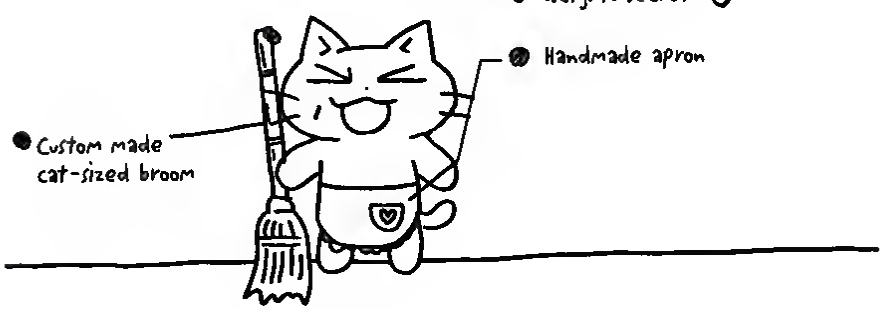


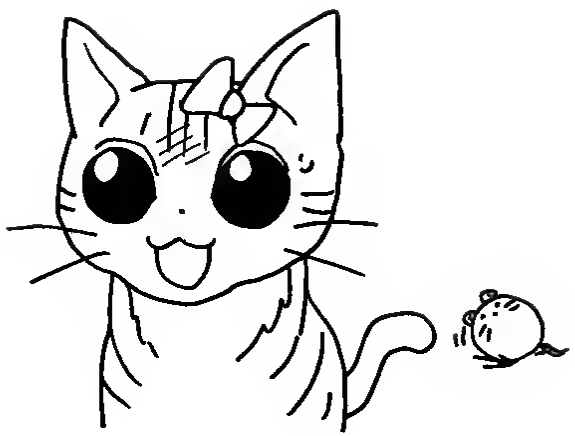
- Real Name: Mariko Ikezawa
- Age: 21
- Blood Type: Type B
- Height: 5'3"
- Weight: Secret ♡
- Birthday: October 28th
- Sign: Scorpio
- Birthplace: Yokohama
- Occupation: Secretary
- Pet: Mary-chan (Miniature dachshund)
- Residence: Lives at her parents' house in Yokohama.
- Graduated from Junior College (Has studied abroad)
- Favorite Sports: Horseback riding, polo
- Language Study: Can speak English and French

Extra Extra

THIS IS TAISHO'S MOTHER!

- Real Name: Margaret Victorian Rose
- Breed: American Shorthair (White coat)
- Blood Type: Type A?
- Birthday: May 3rd
- Birthplace: The Continental US
- Specialty: Cooking (Especially curry)
- Hobby: Cleaning
- Residence: Lives with her husband and his manager
- Children: Numerous (Taisho is her firstborn)
- Height: About 2'1"
- Weight: Secret
- Handmade apron
- Custom made cat-sized broom





ごめん…
元祖・猫

猫ラーメン

そにしけんじ

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